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I WISH
YOU GUYS WOULD
STOP BUGGING US!



THIS ISSUE...

TRAPPED IN SPACE IN THE...

'ATTACK OF THE TARANTALUGS!'



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PLANET TERRY

IN

ATTACK OF THE TARANTALUGS

THE SURFACE OF PLANETOID 17Z WHERE A HEART-BREAKING AND SEEMINGLY HOPELESS SCENE IS TAKING PLACE...

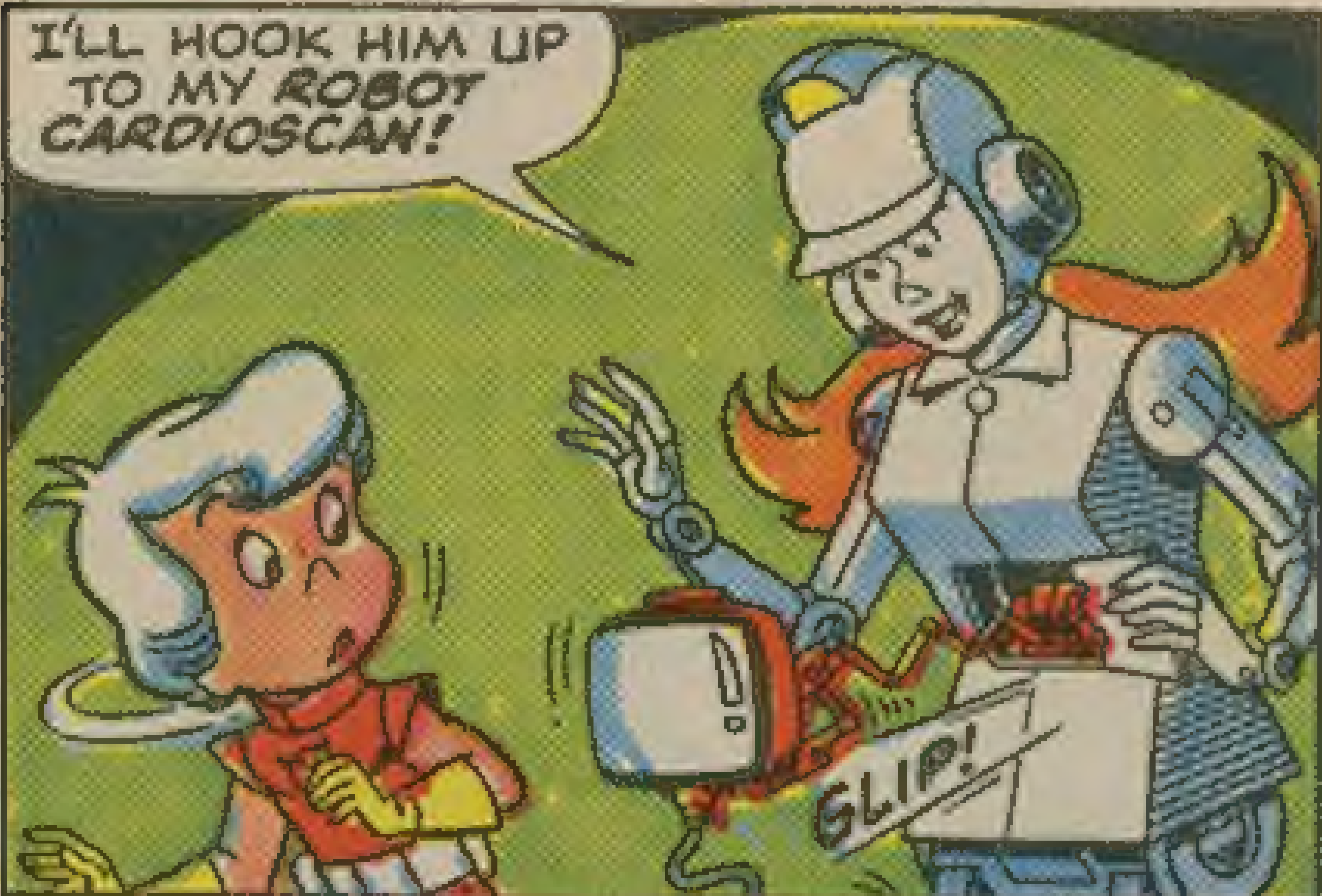
GULP! ONE DISASTER AFTER ANOTHER! FIRST, PEOPLE WHO I BELIEVE TO BE MY PARENTS TURN OUT TO BE IMPOSTERS...

NOT SO FAST, TERRY! LET'S MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE!

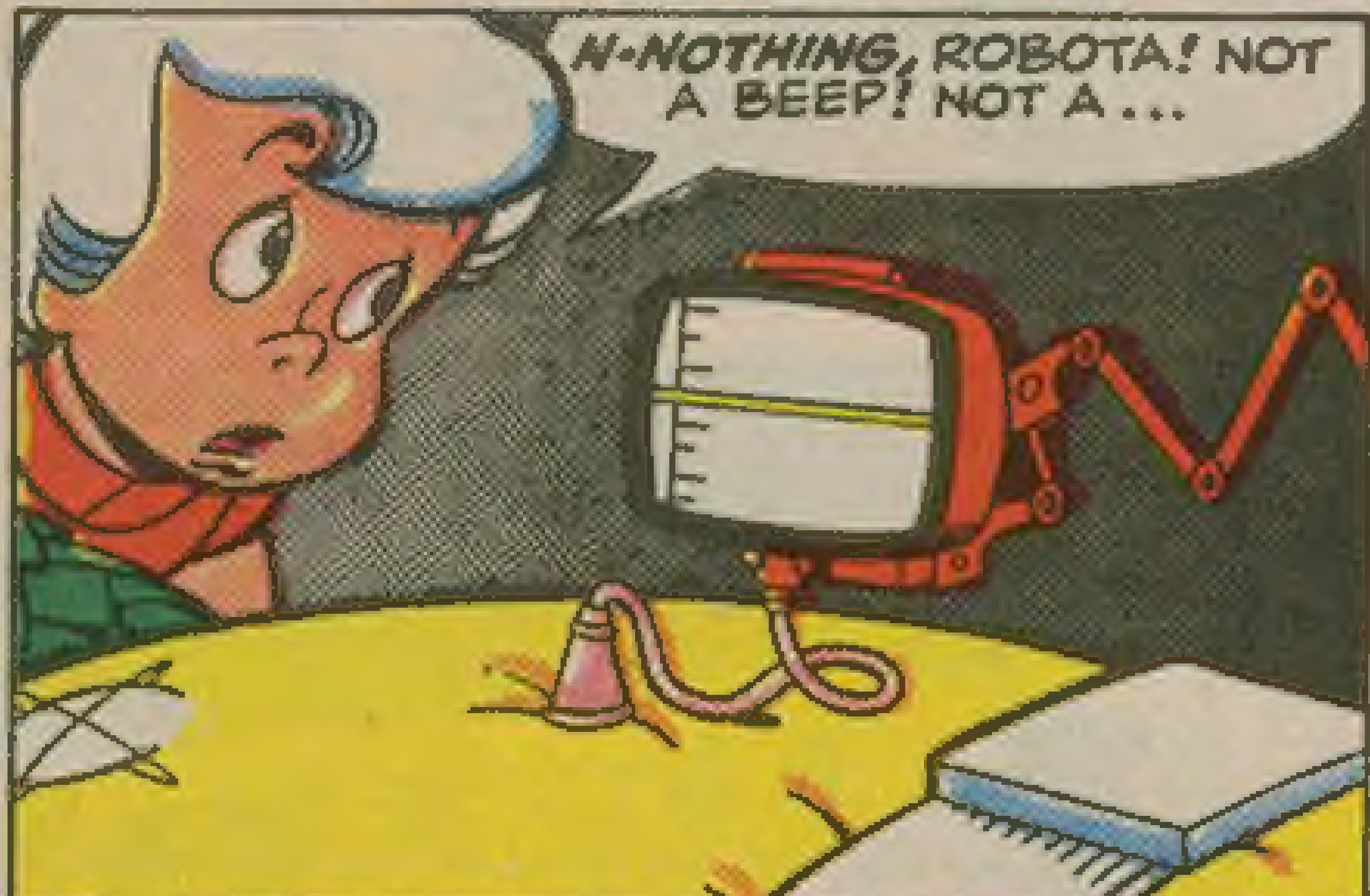
...AND NOW, OMNUS IS... GULP!...GONE!



I'LL HOOK HIM UP TO MY ROBOT CARDIOSCAN!

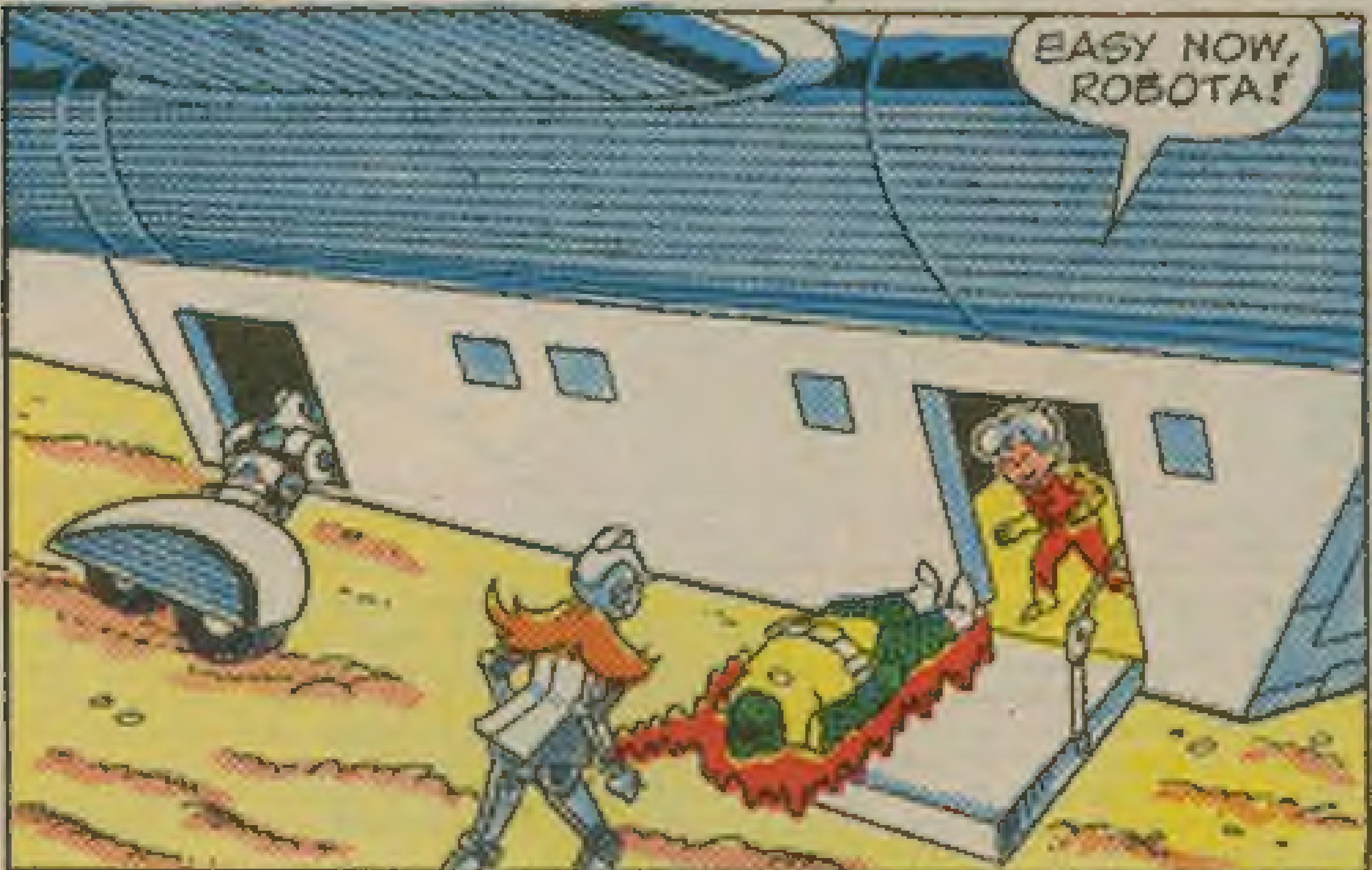
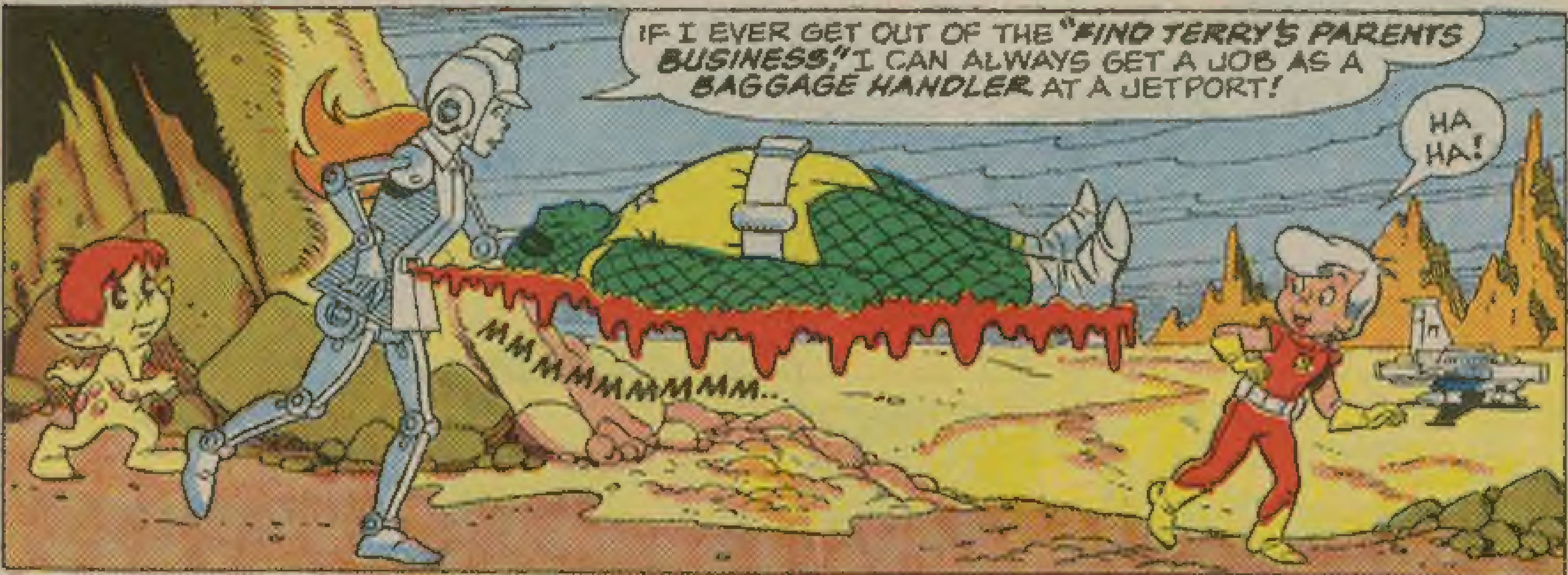
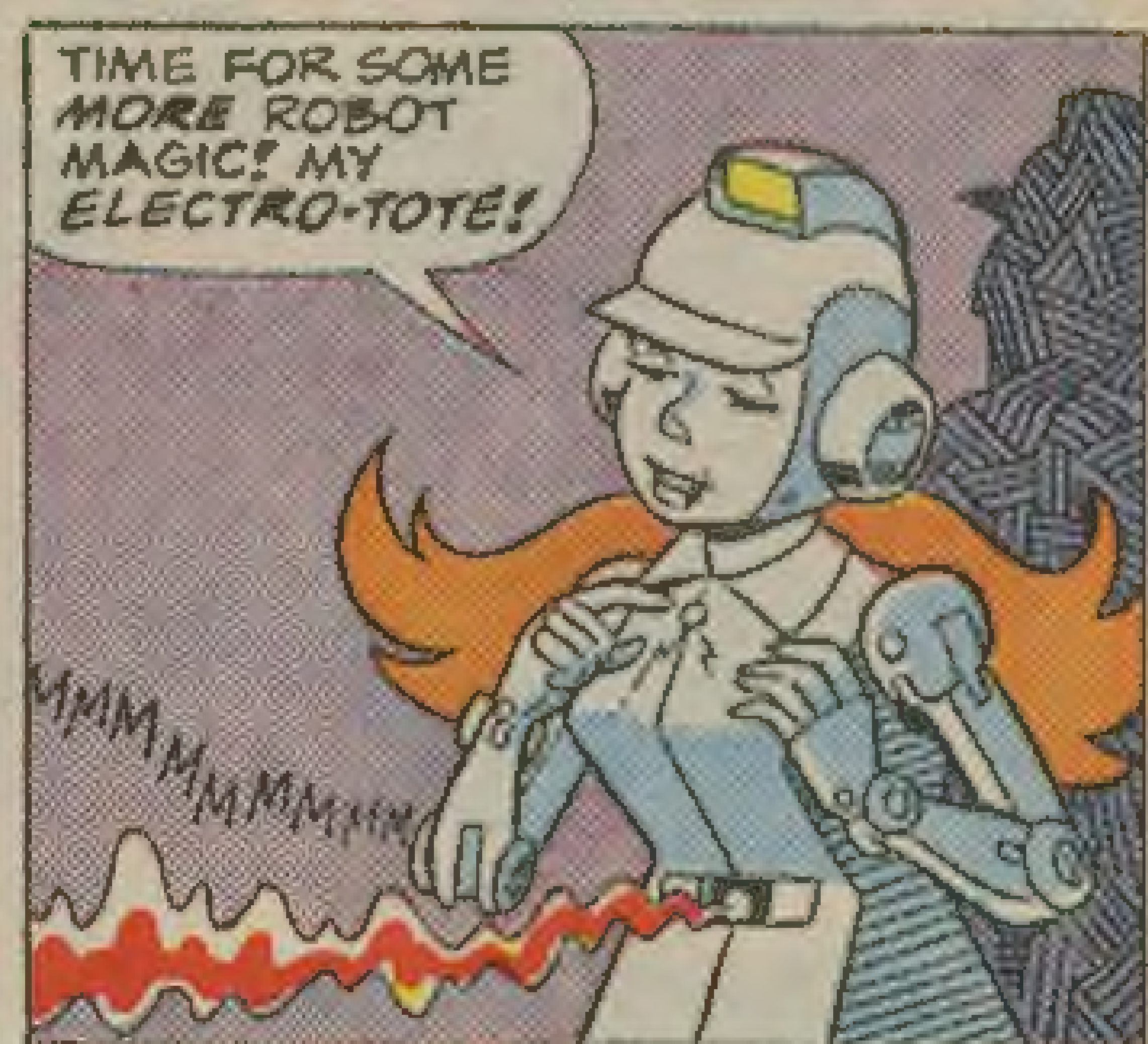
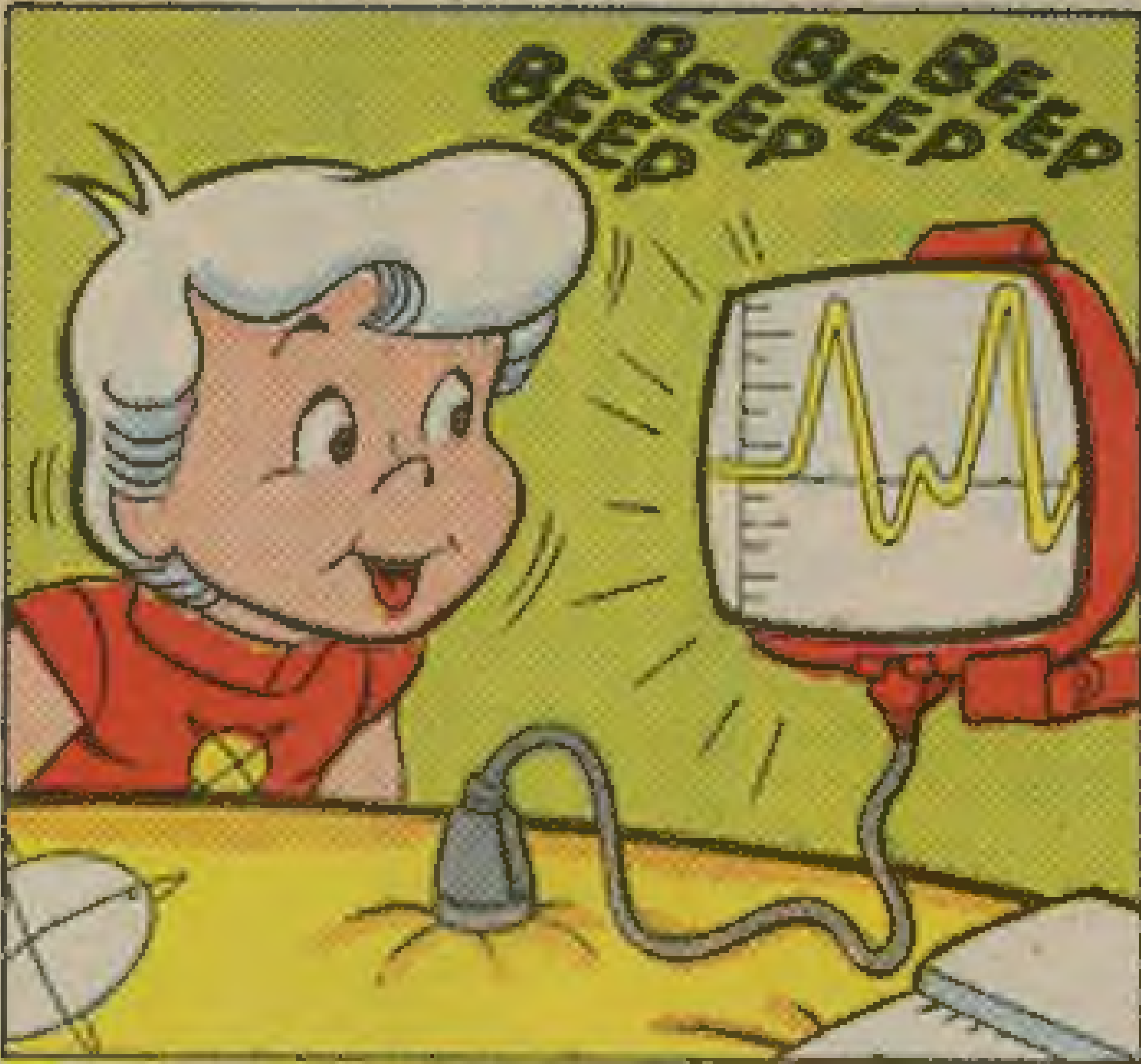


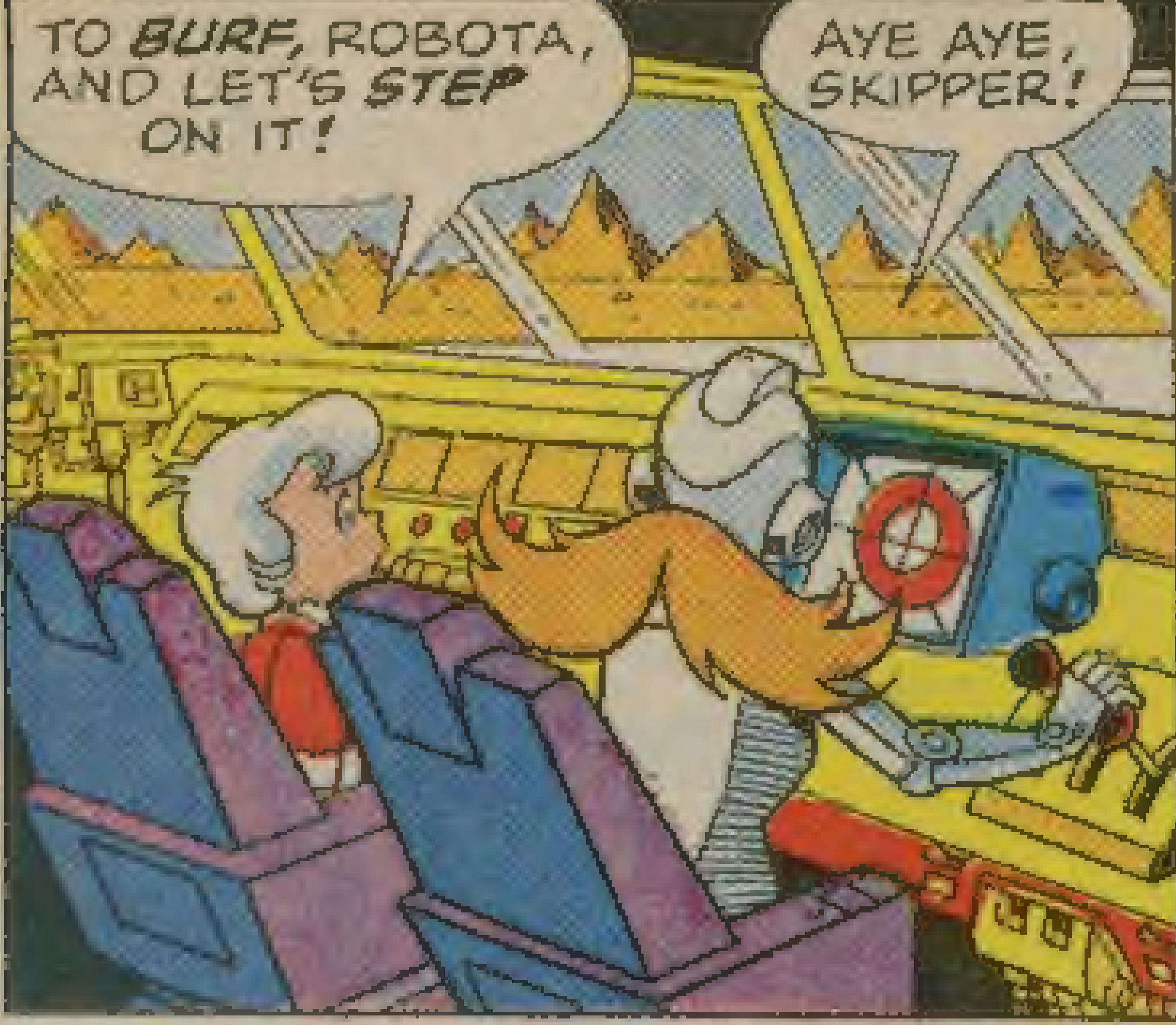
N-NOTHING, ROBOTA! NOT A BEEP! NOT A...



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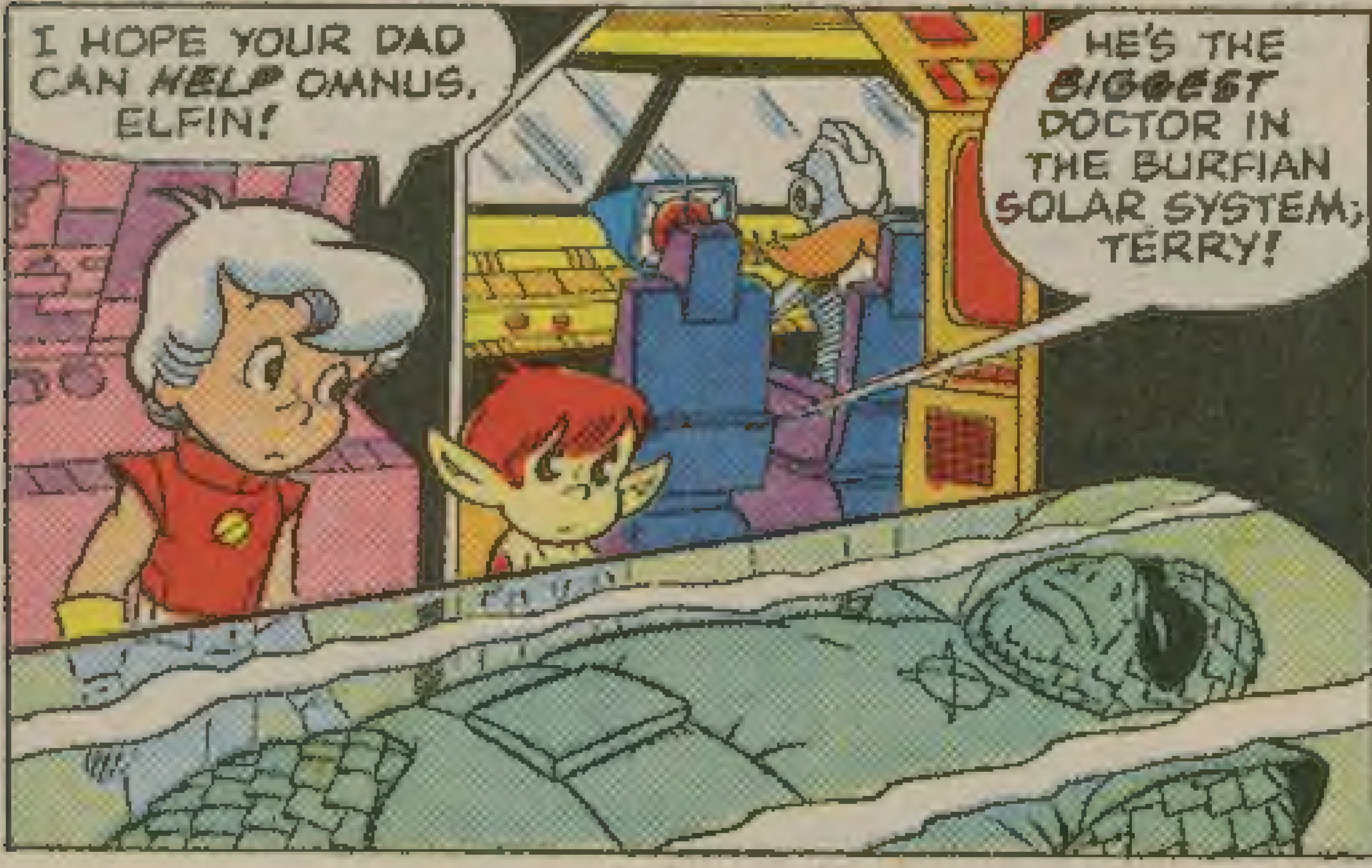
TO BURF, ROBOTA,
AND LET'S STEP
ON IT!

AYE AYE,
SKIPPER!



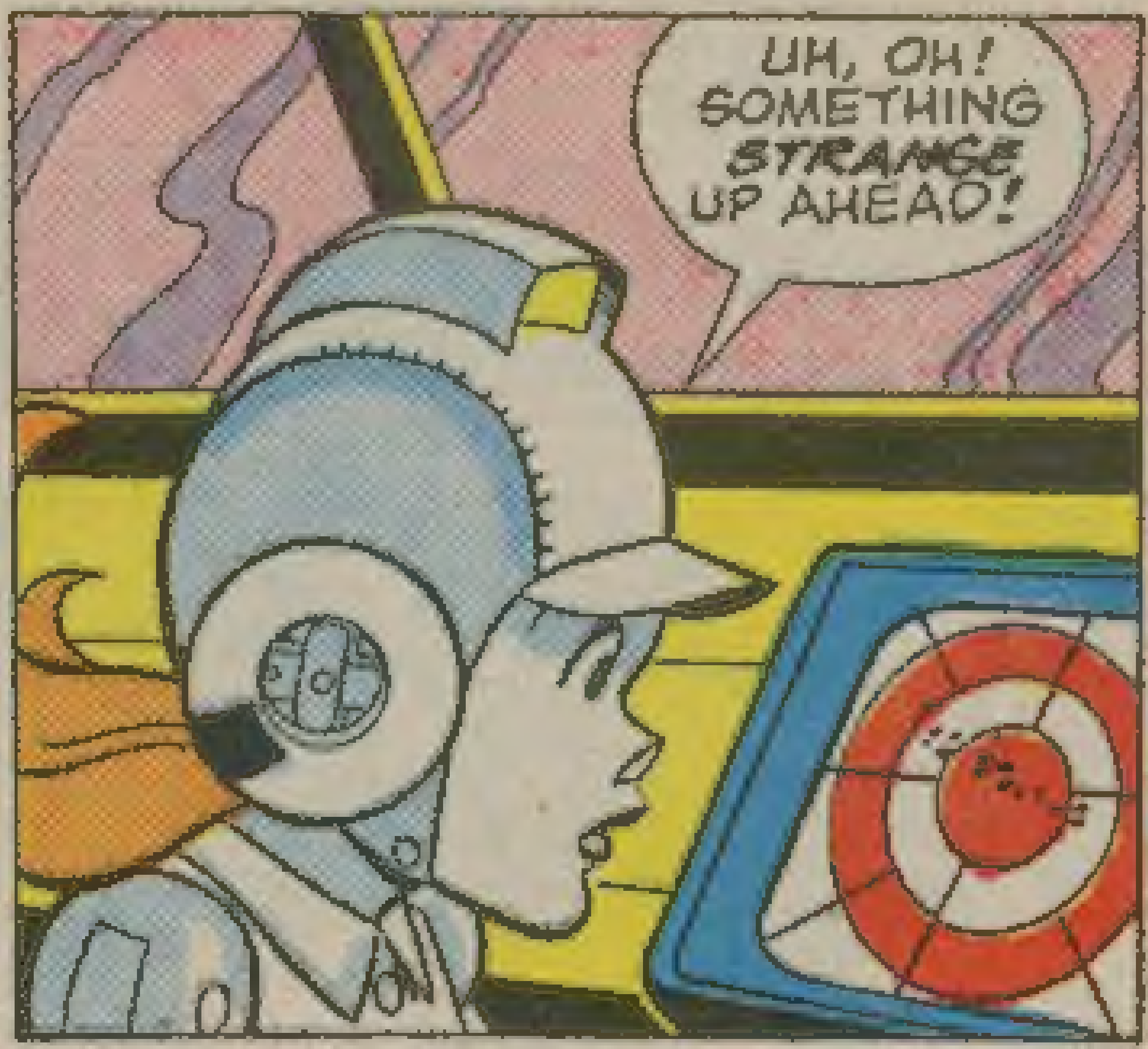
AND GOOD-BYE, PLANETOID 17Z!

VROOM!

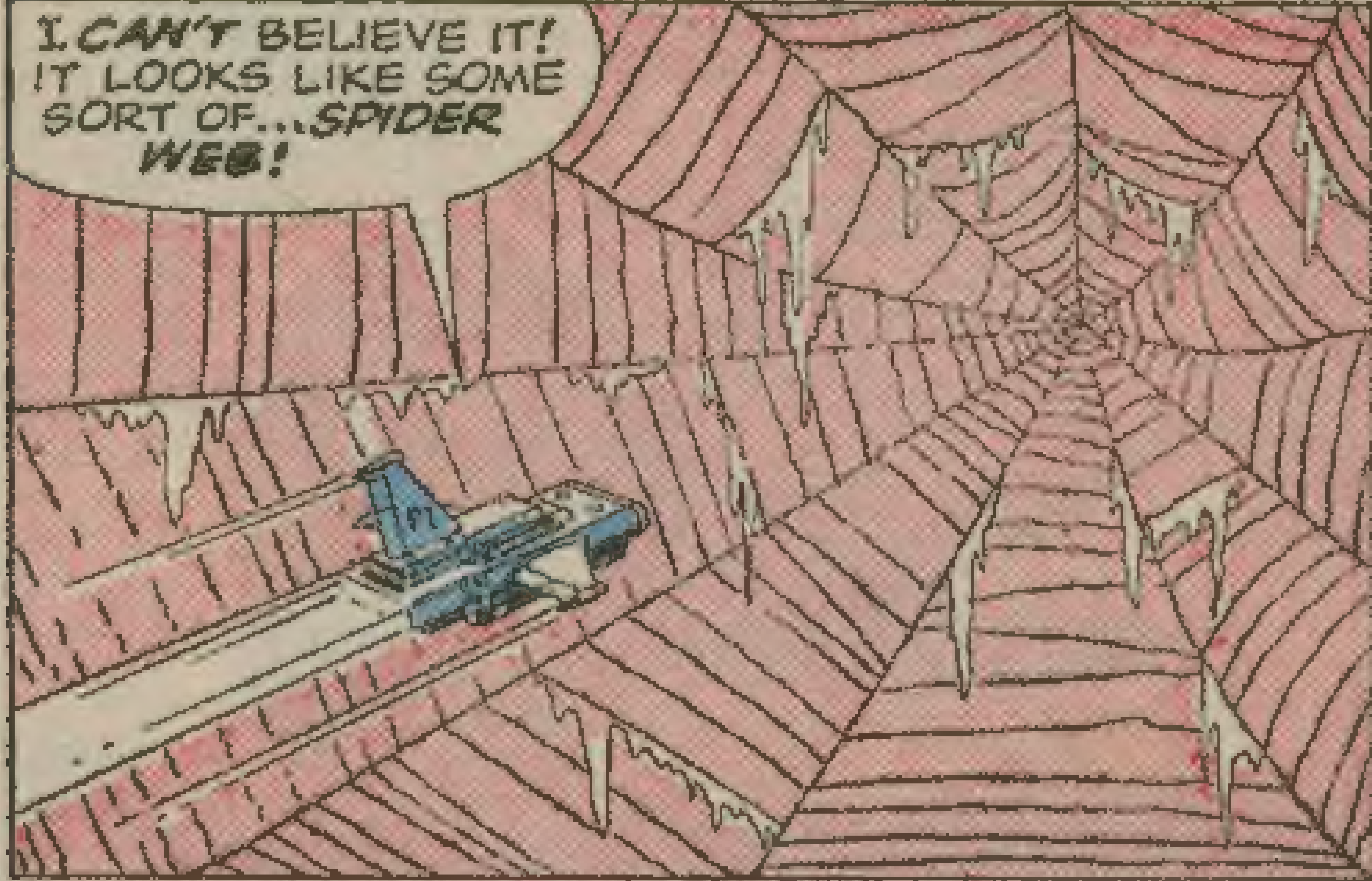


I HOPE YOUR DAD
CAN HELP OMNUS,
ELFIN!

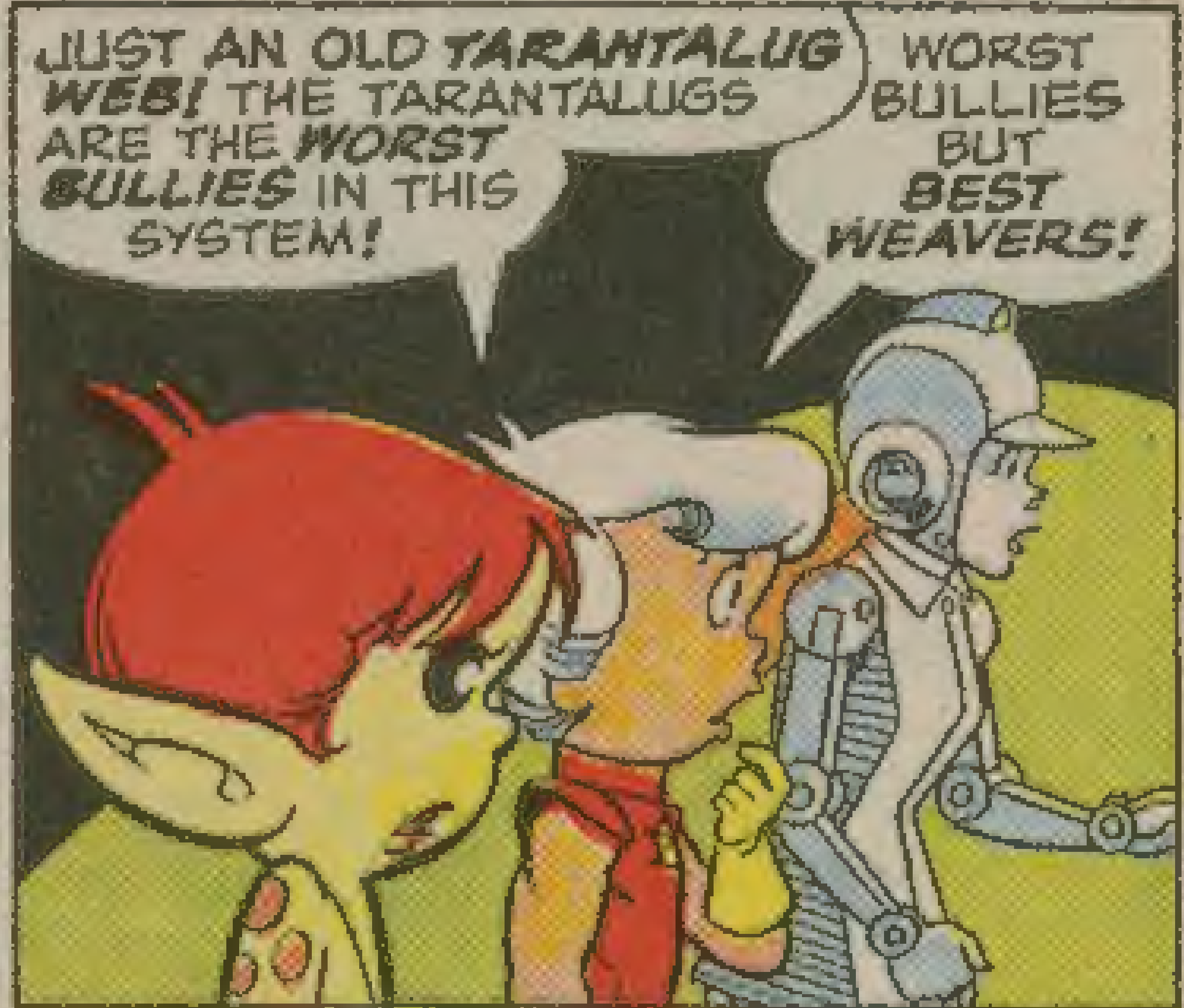
HE'S THE
BIGGEST
DOCTOR IN
THE BURFIAN
SOLAR SYSTEM;
TERRY!



UH, OH!
SOMETHING
STRANGE
UP AHEAD!



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME
SORT OF...**SPIDER**
WEB!



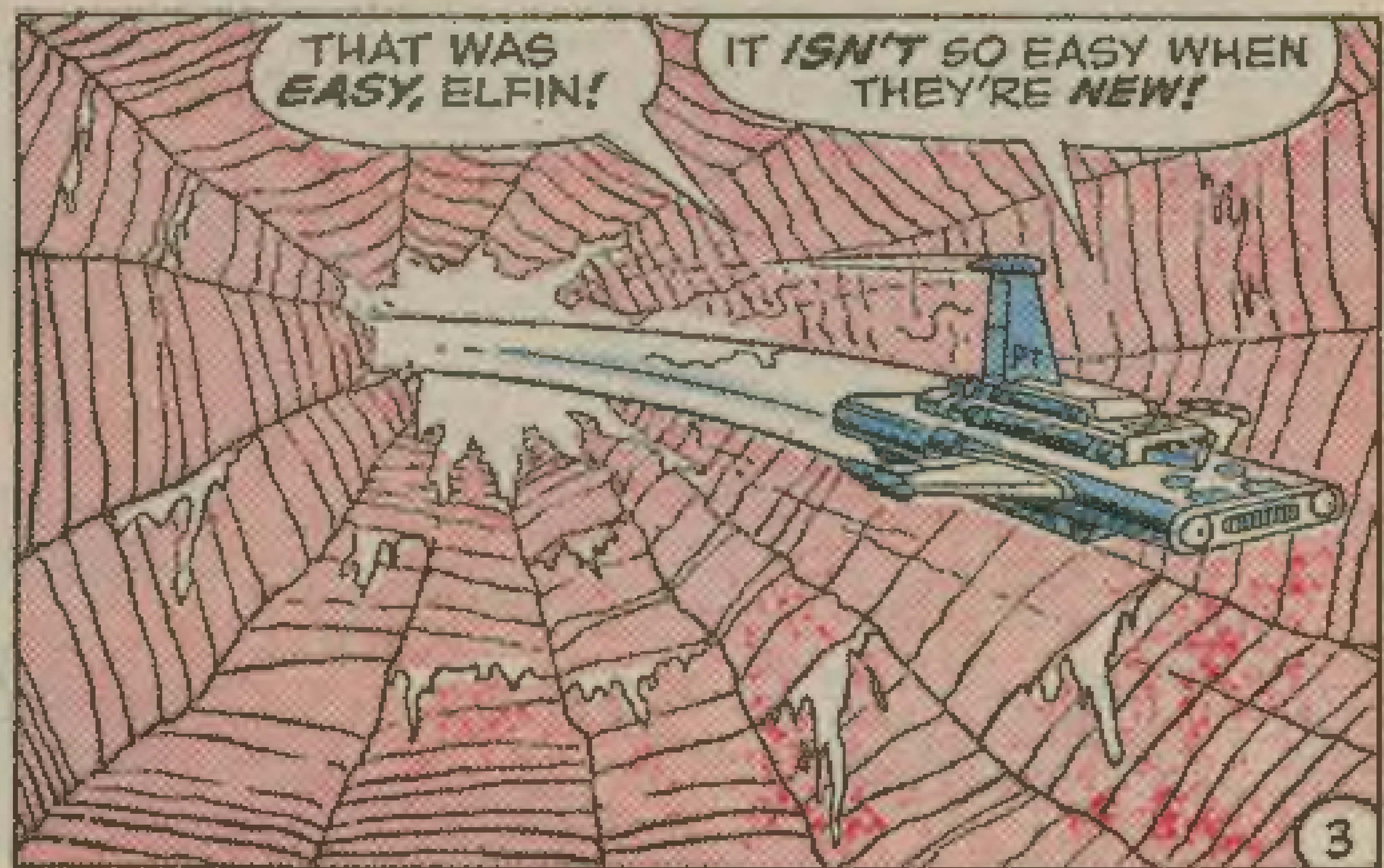
JUST AN OLD **TARANTALUG**
WEB! THE TARANTALUGS
ARE THE **WORST**
BULLIES IN THIS
SYSTEM!

WORST
BULLIES
BUT
BEST
WEAVERS!



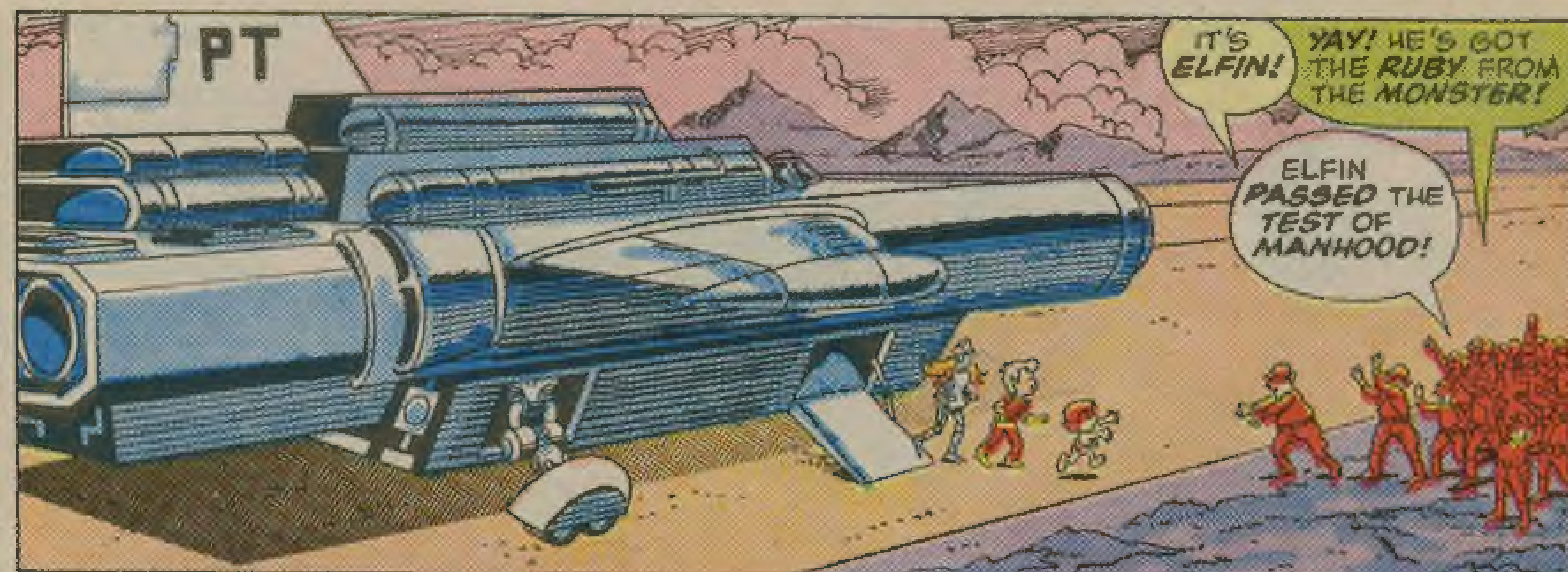
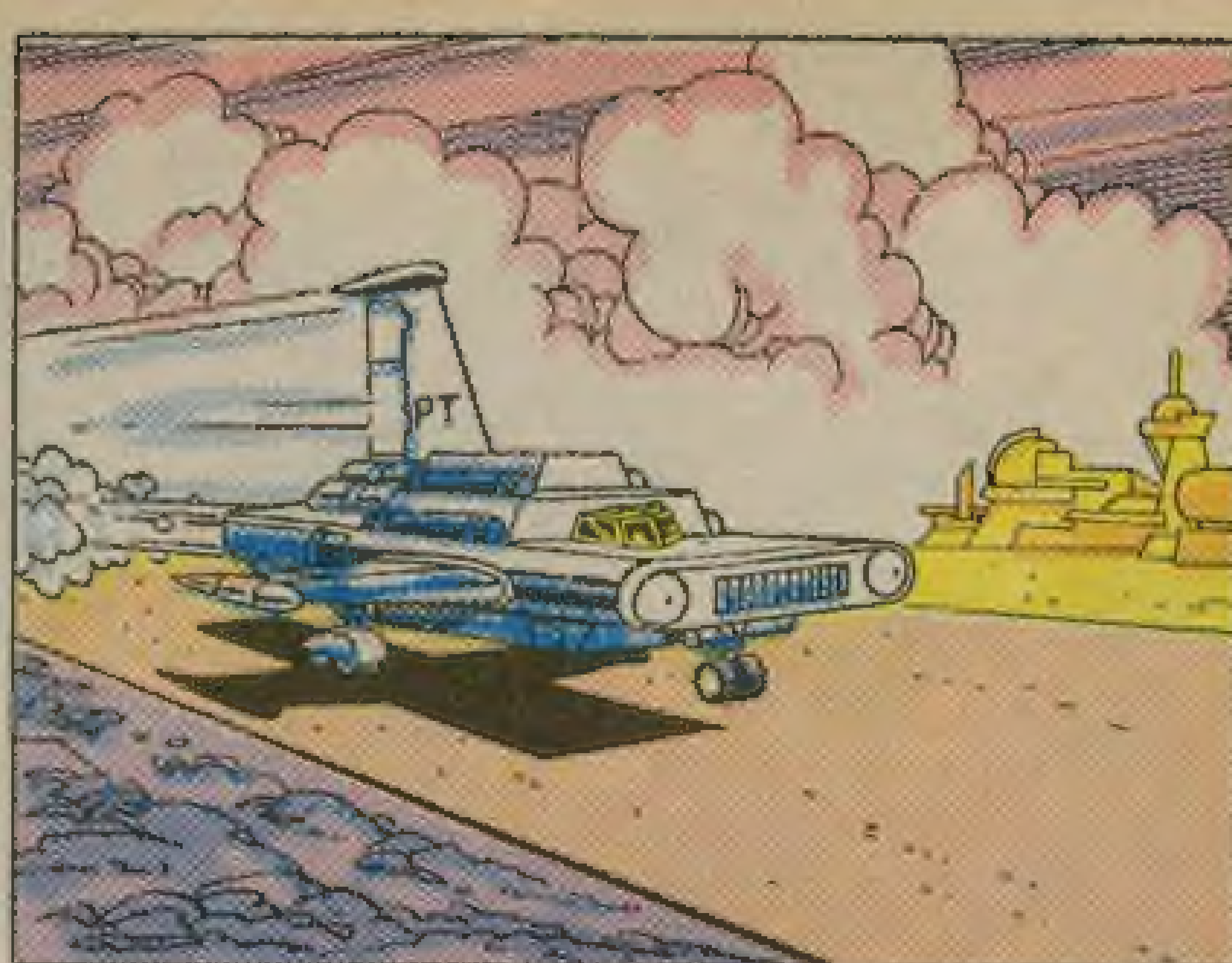
I'M SURE IT'S LOST ALL ITS
STICKINESS!
IF YOU SAY SO!

JUST GO RIGHT
THROUGH IT!



THAT WAS
EASY, ELFIN!

IT **ISN'T** SO EASY WHEN
THEY'RE **NEW!**



AT THE HOSPITAL

ELFIN, MY SON! CONGRATULATIONS!

THANKS, DAD! BUT RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT AN EMERGENCY! TERRY AND ROBOTA'S FRIEND OMNUS, IS VERY SICK!



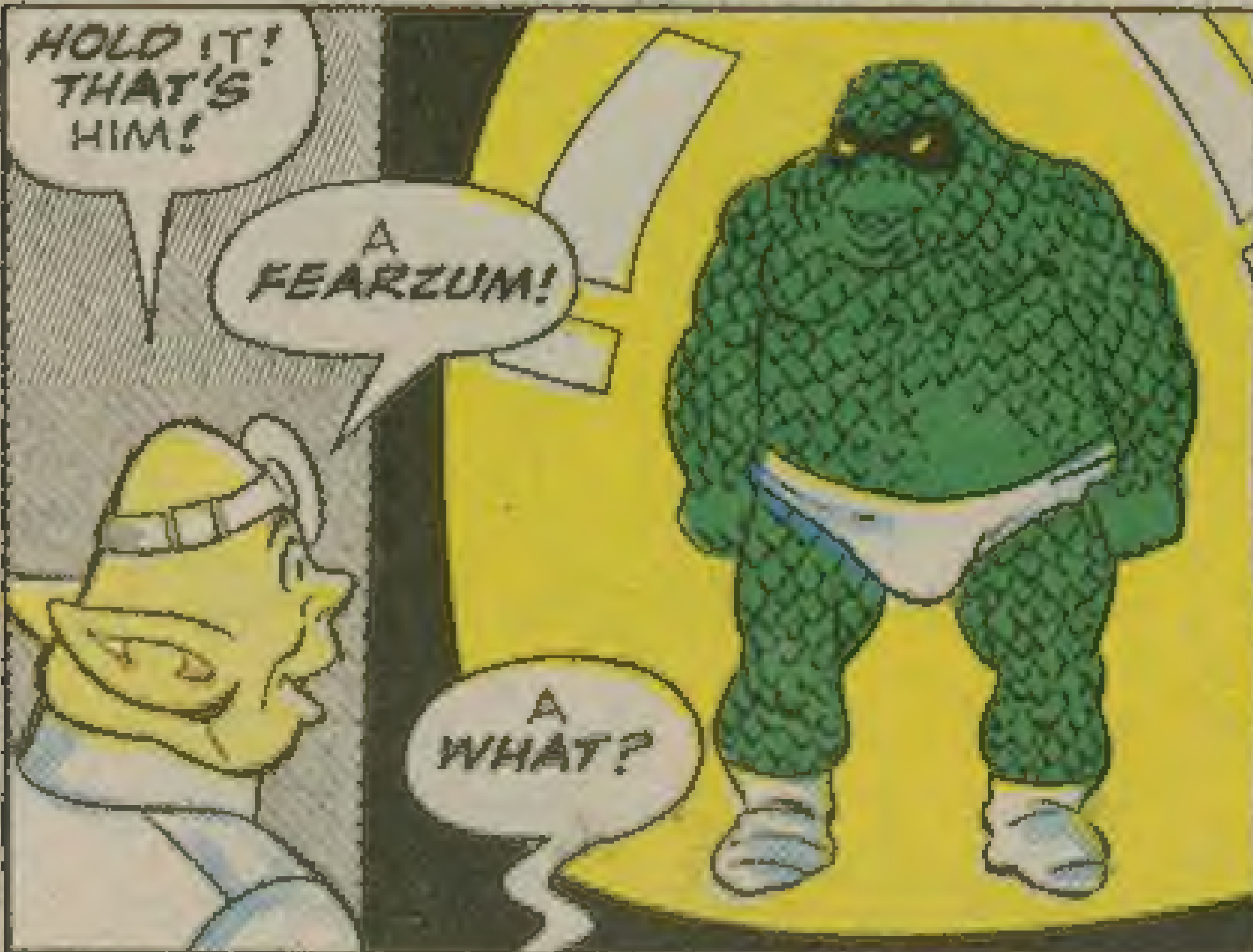
HMM! HE CERTAINLY IS! DO YOU KNOW WHAT SPECIES HE BELONGS TO, TERRY?

UH, NO! WE NEVER ASKED!



WE MUST IDENTIFY HIM! TURN ON THE ALIEN-IDENT!

YES, DOCTOR!



THE FEARZUMS CAN HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTIONS TO GEM STONES! EXPOSURE TO ELFIN'S RUBY MUST HAVE TRIGGERED IT OFF!

OH, DOCTOR, IS HE...

I'M AFRAID YOUR FRIEND IS ALL BUT GONE, TERRY! HIS ONLY CHANCE IS A VERY RARE MINERAL CALLED GEMAPHOBE!

WHERE CAN WE GET IT?

GEMAPHOBE IS FOUND ONLY ON THE PLANET SCARAT!

TAXI!

BURF GENERAL HOSPITAL

IT'S NOT A LONG JOURNEY, BUT YOU MUST START OUT IMMEDIATELY!...

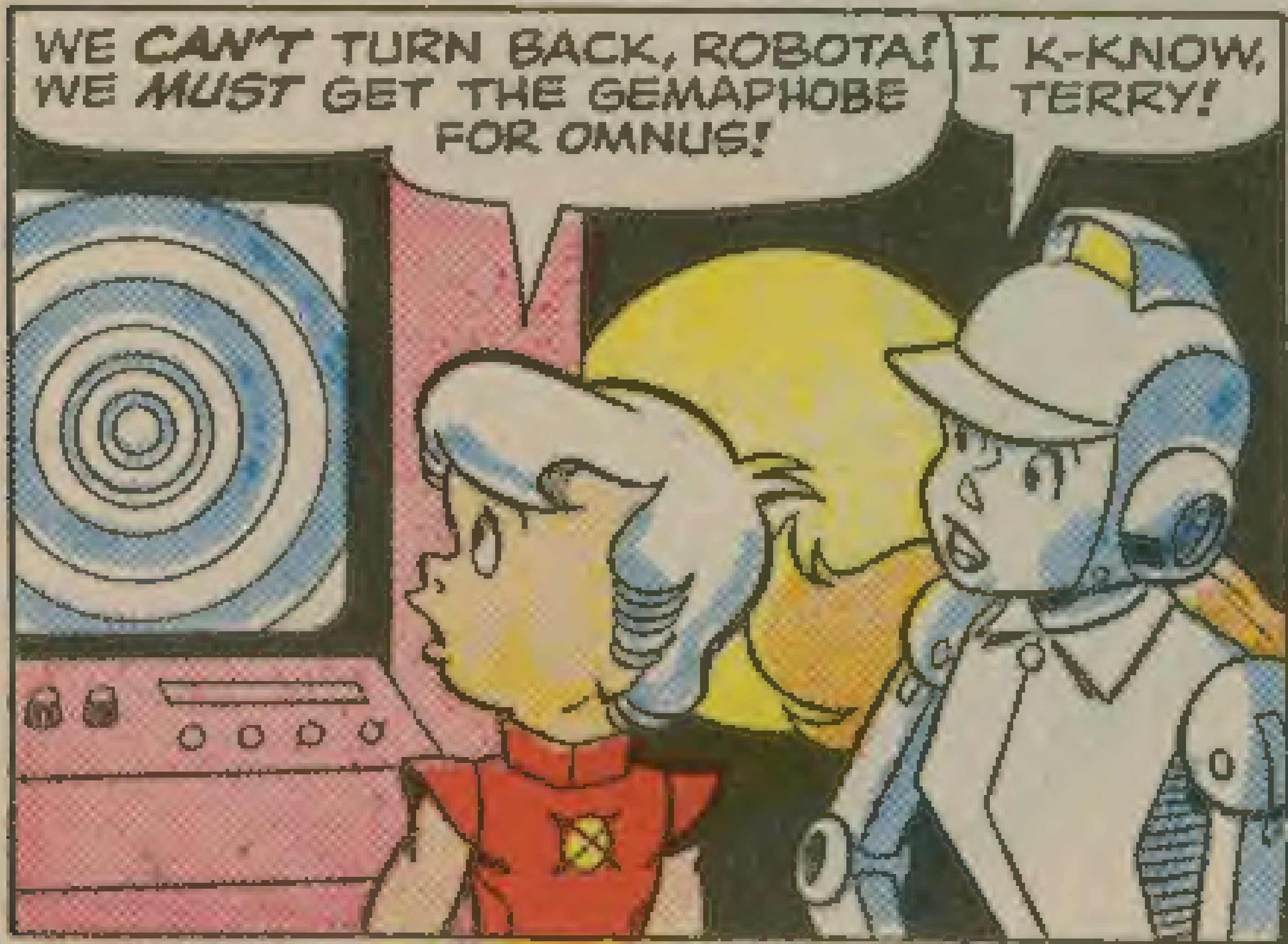
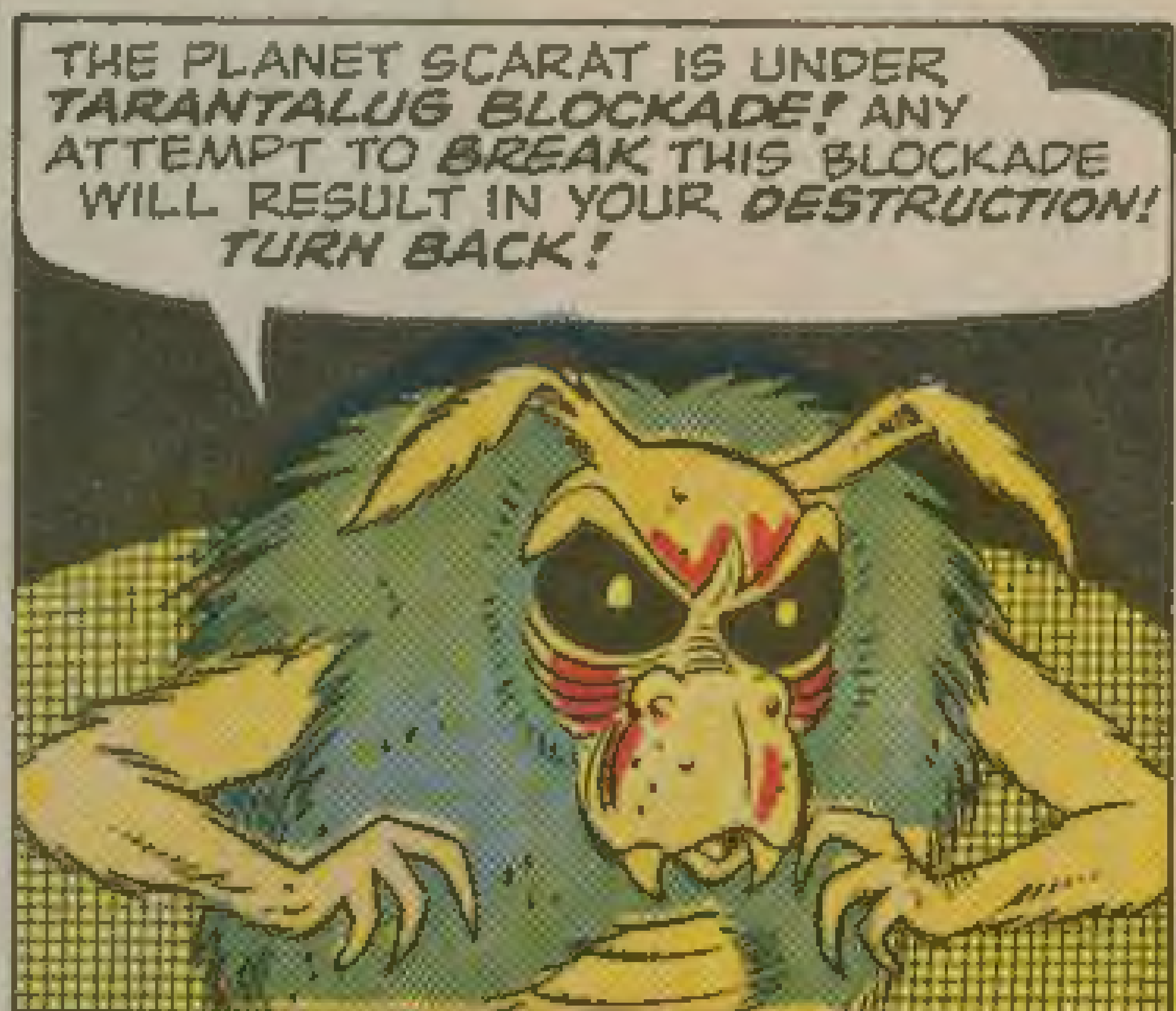
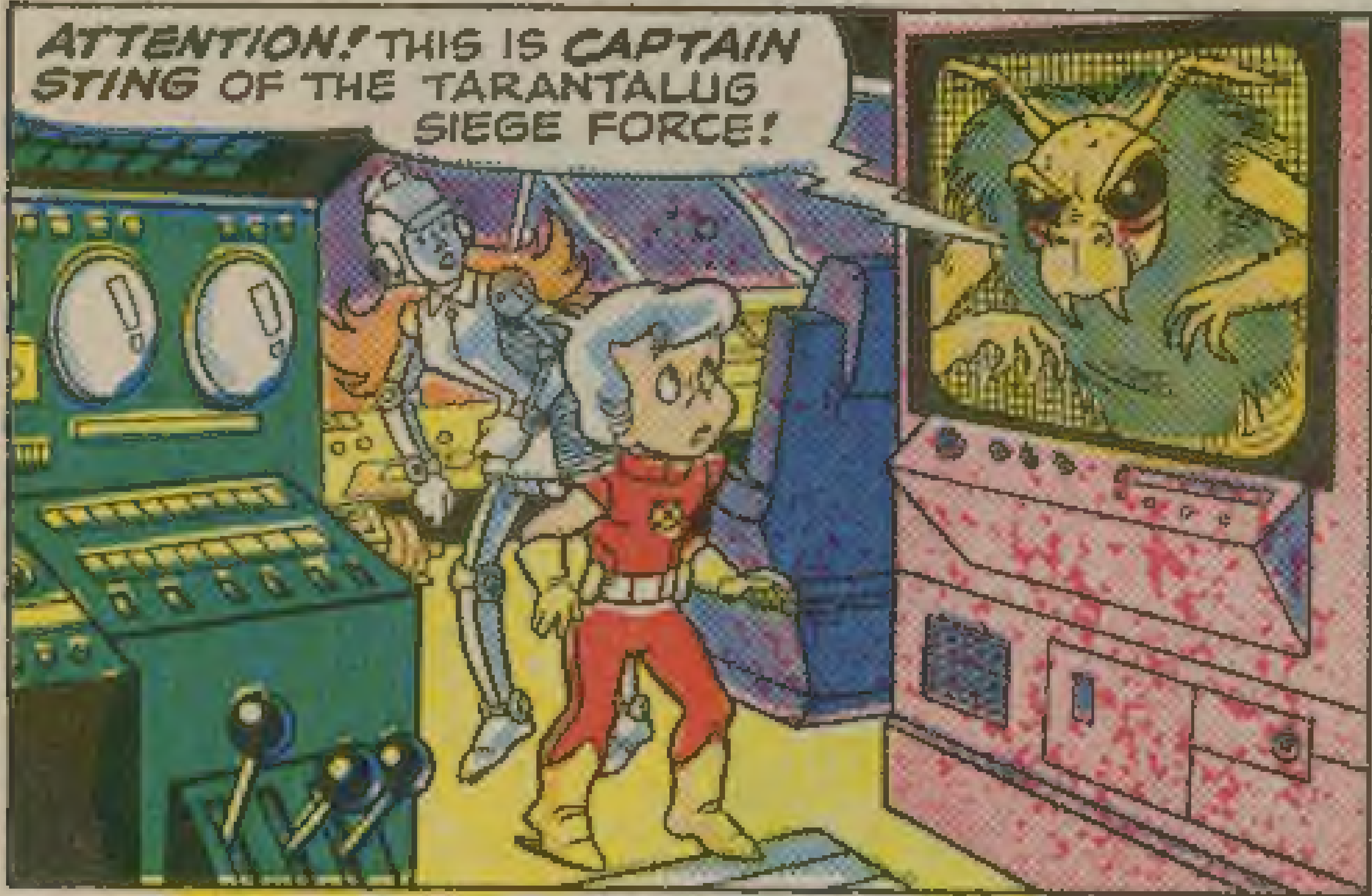
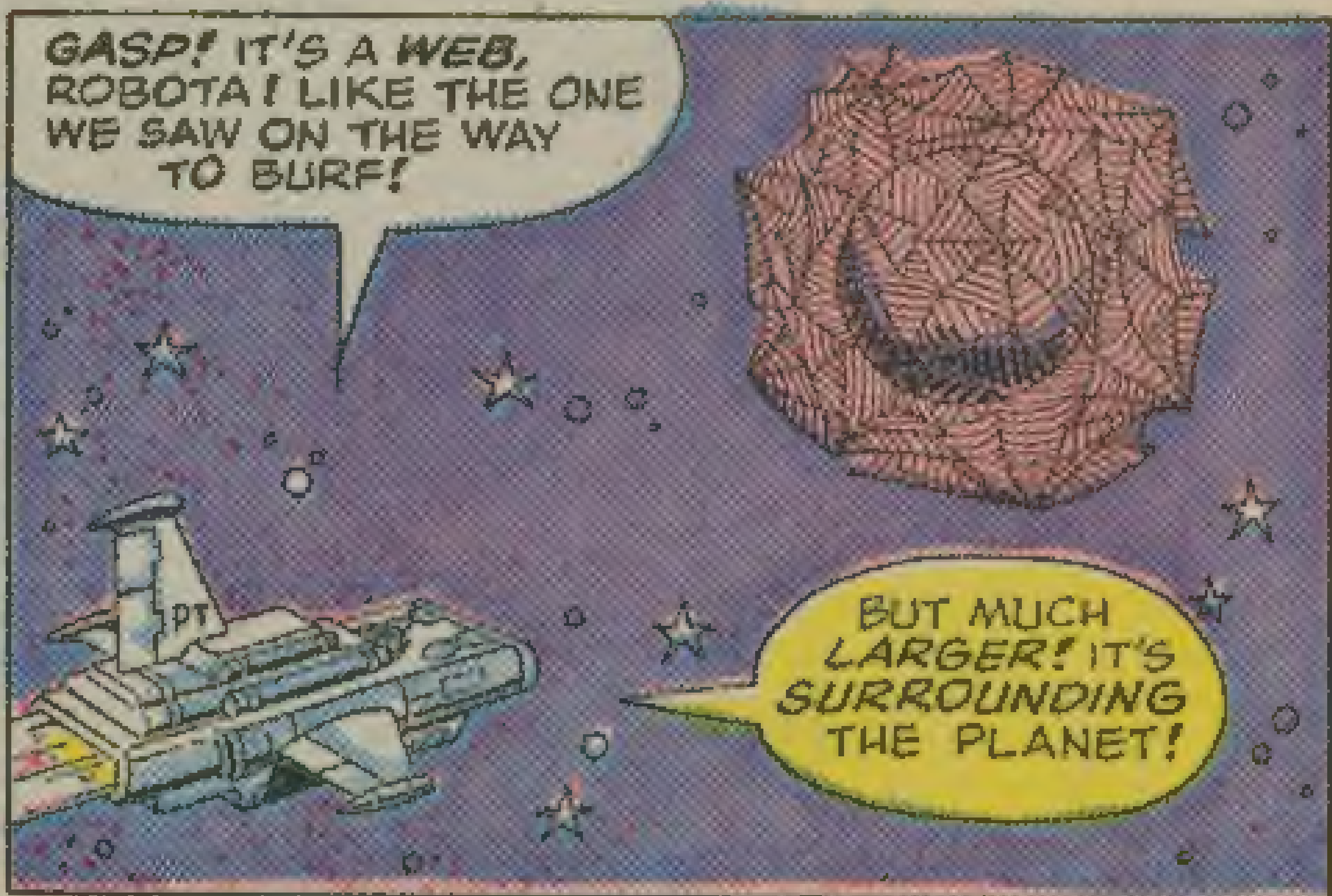
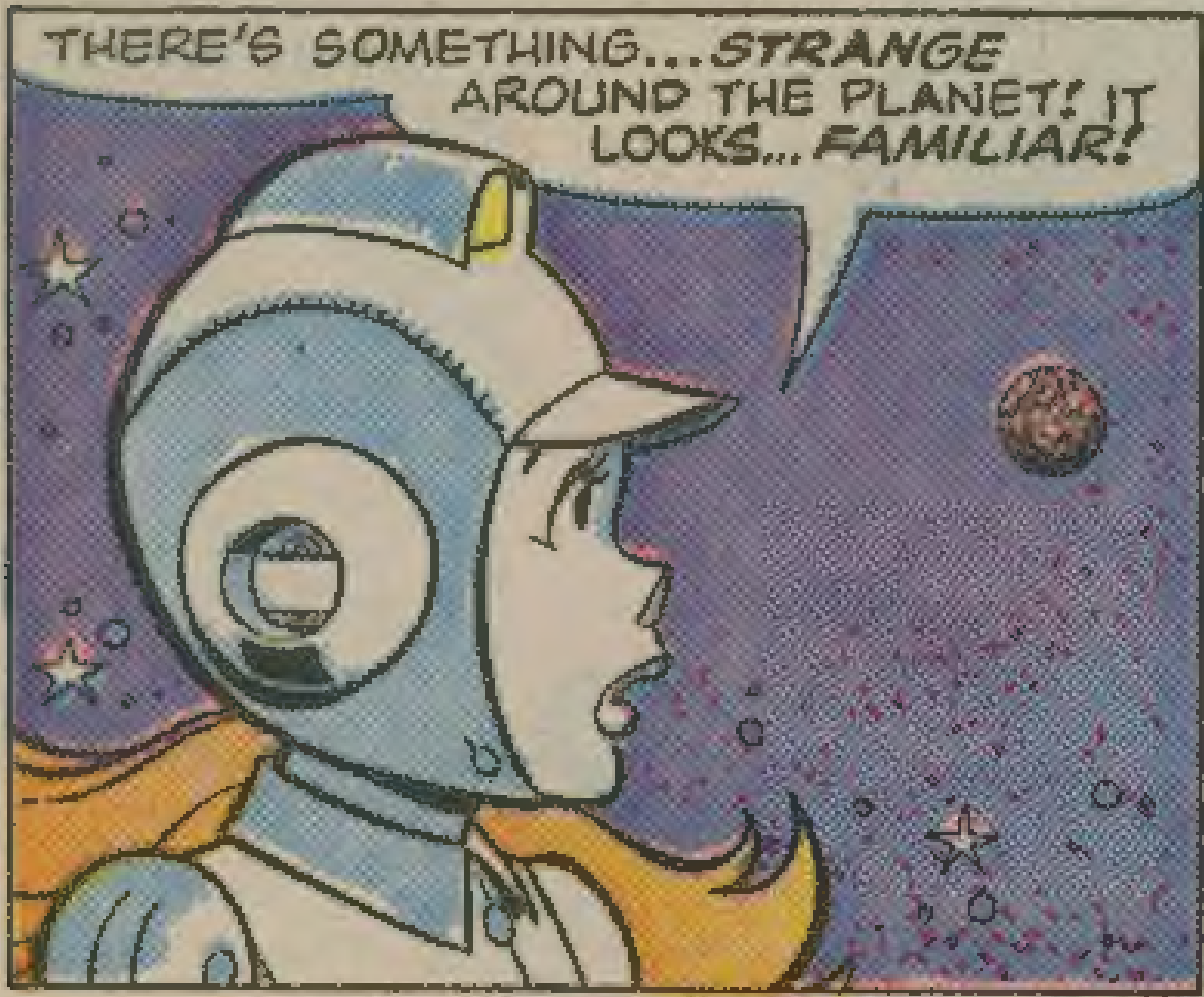
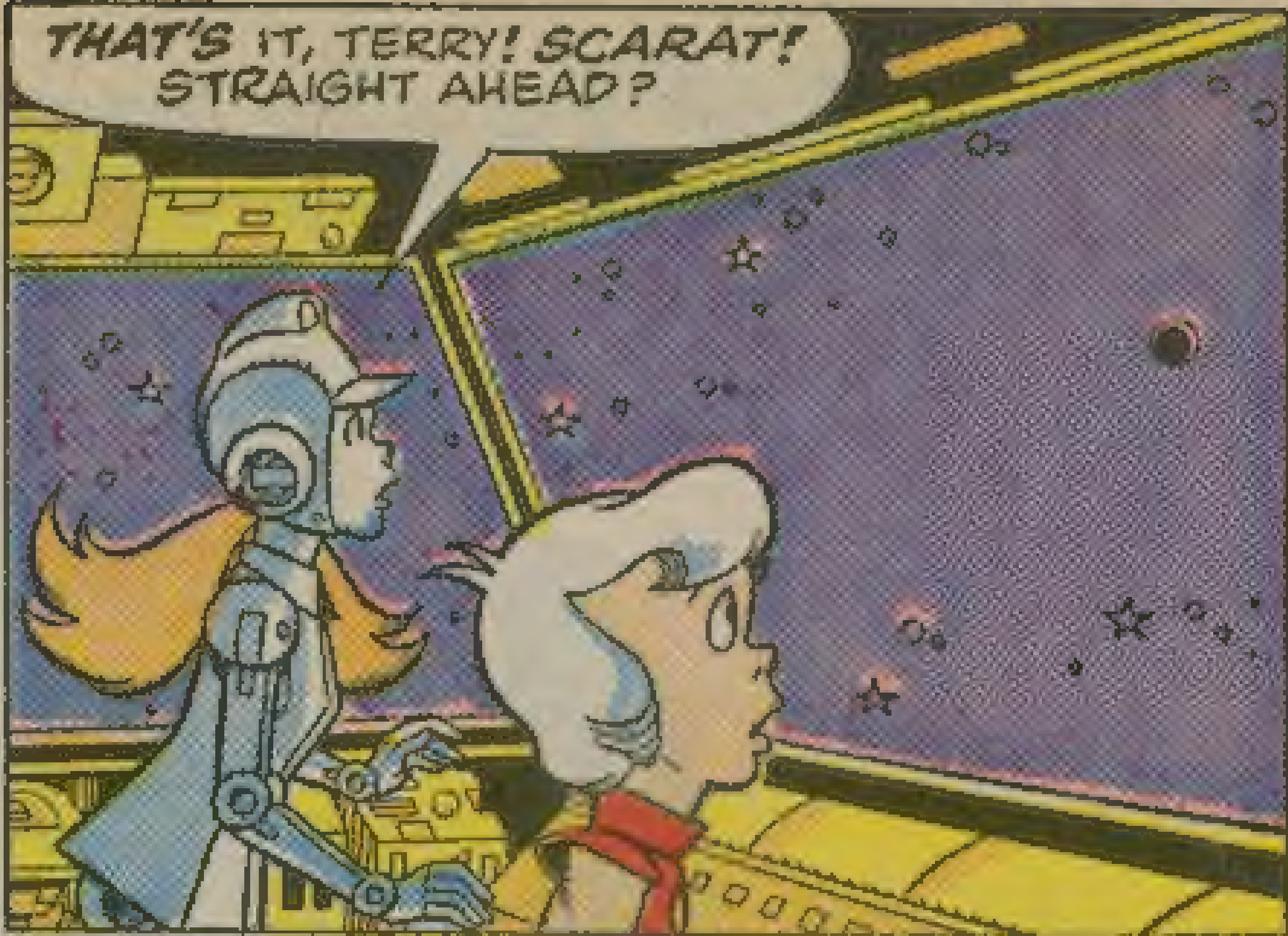
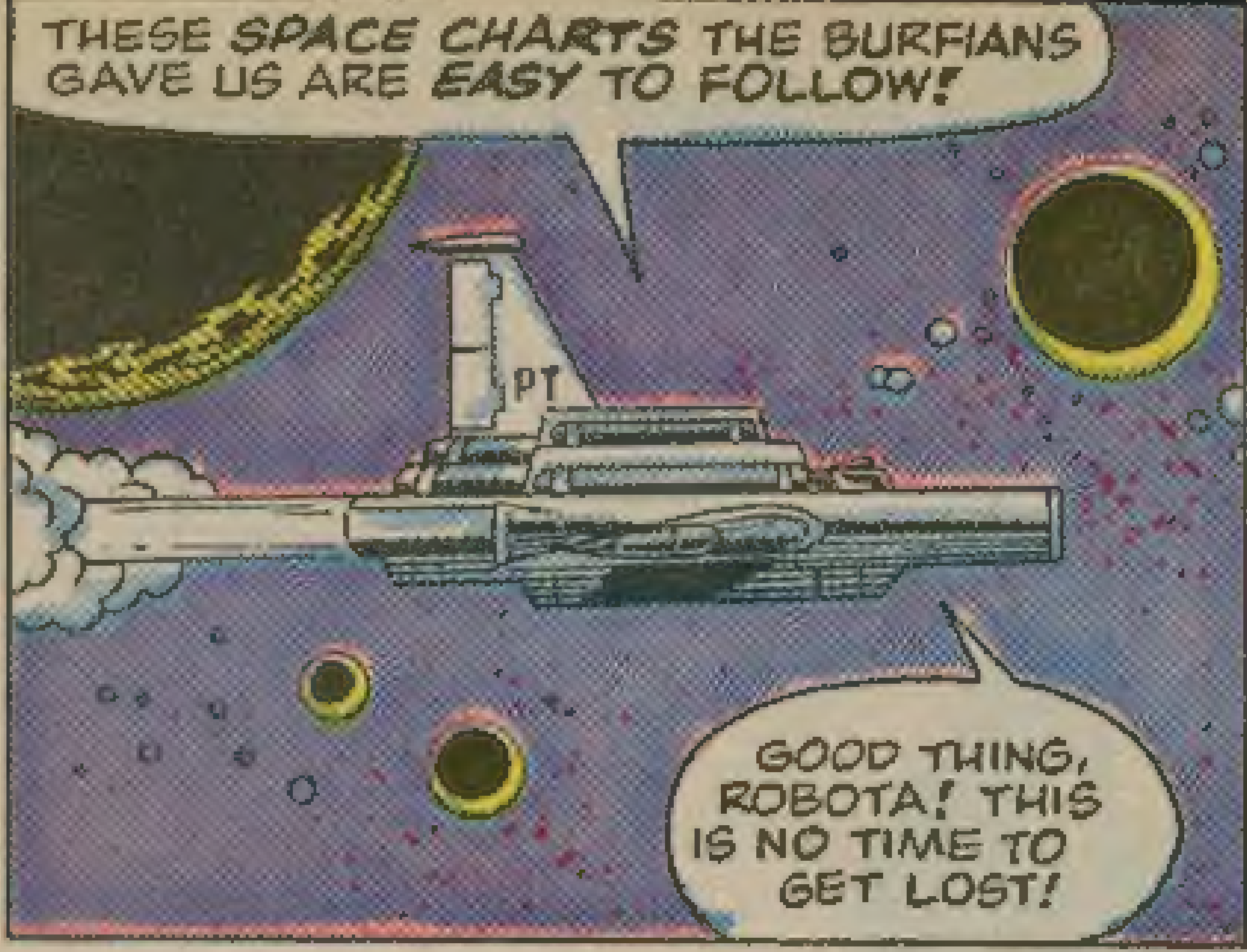
WITHOUT THE USE OF GEMAPHOBE DURING SURGERY, OMNUS WILL BE GONE!

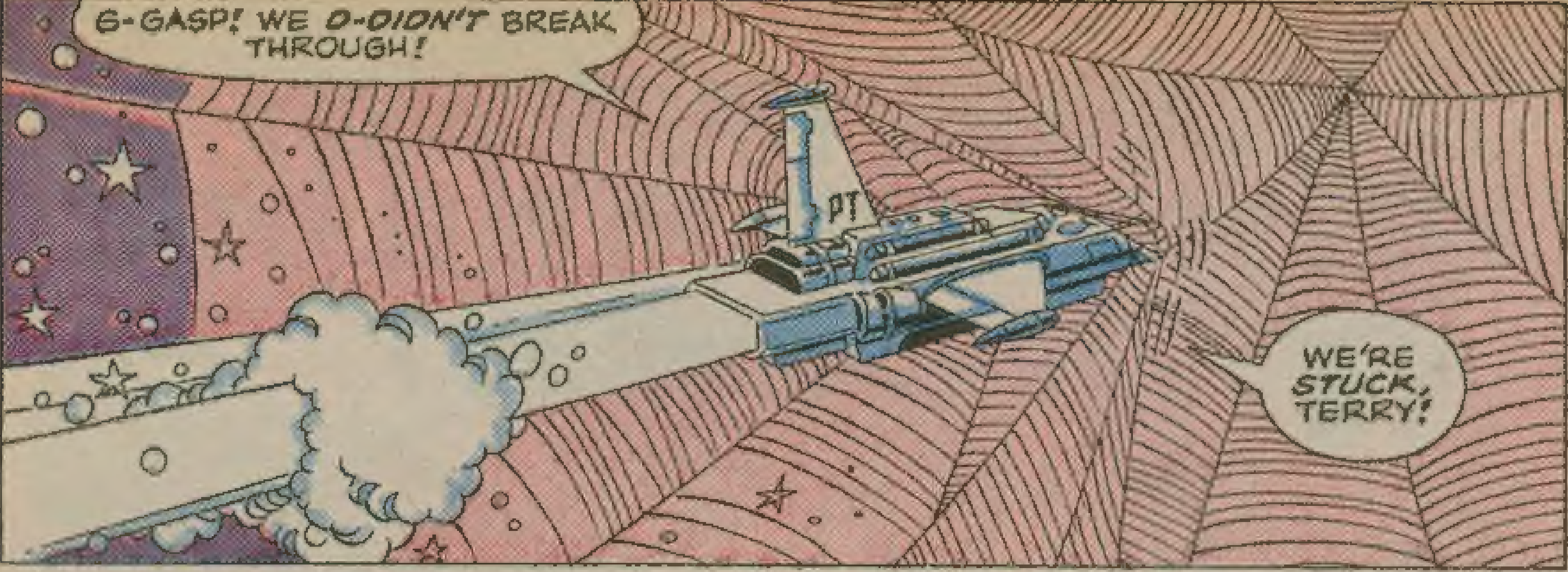
CAN I GO, TOO, TERRY? NO, ELFIN! YOU STAY WITH YOUR DAD AND OMNUS!

THANKS DOCTOR! WE'RE ON OUR WAY! LET'S GO, ROBOTA!

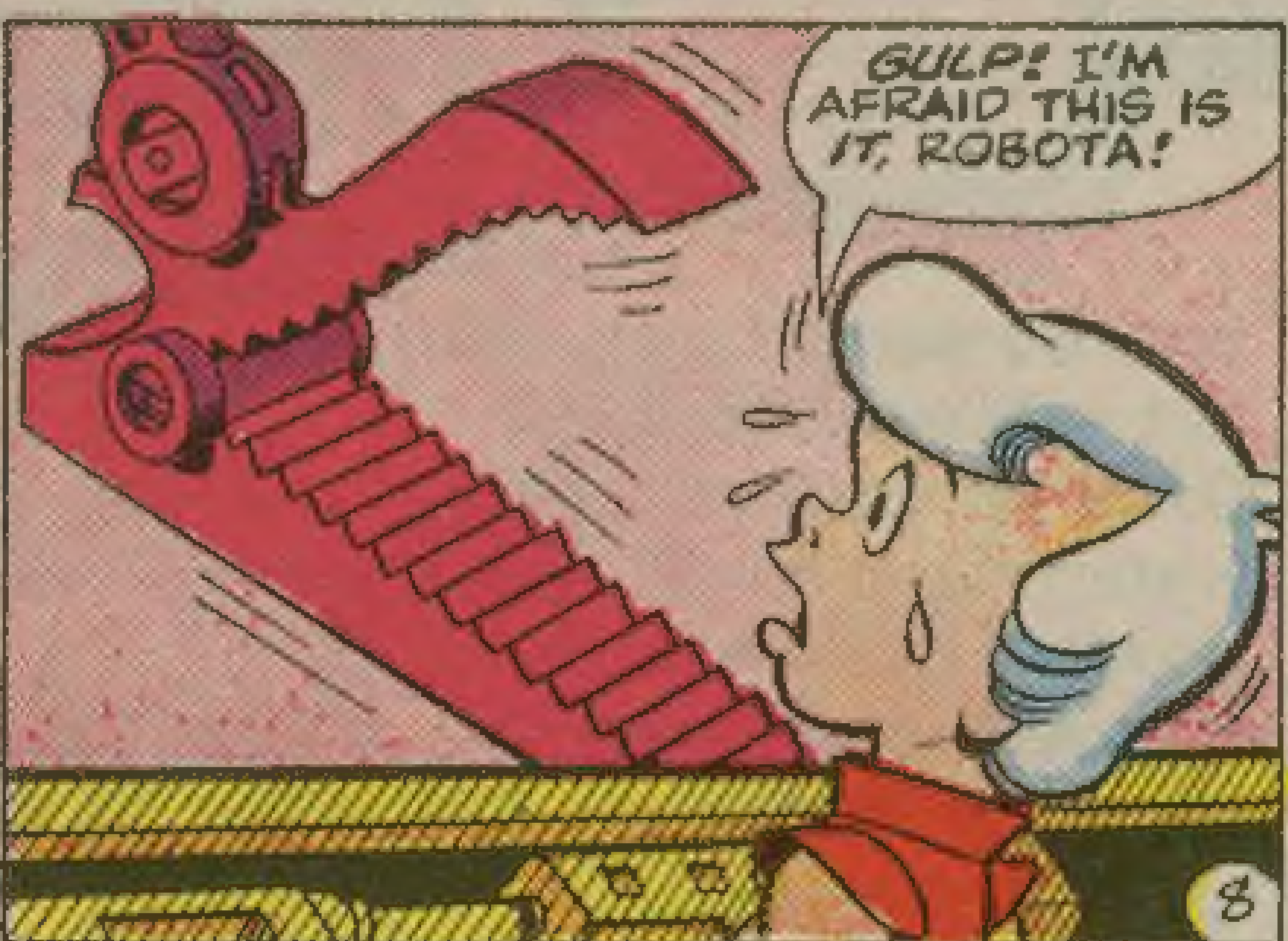
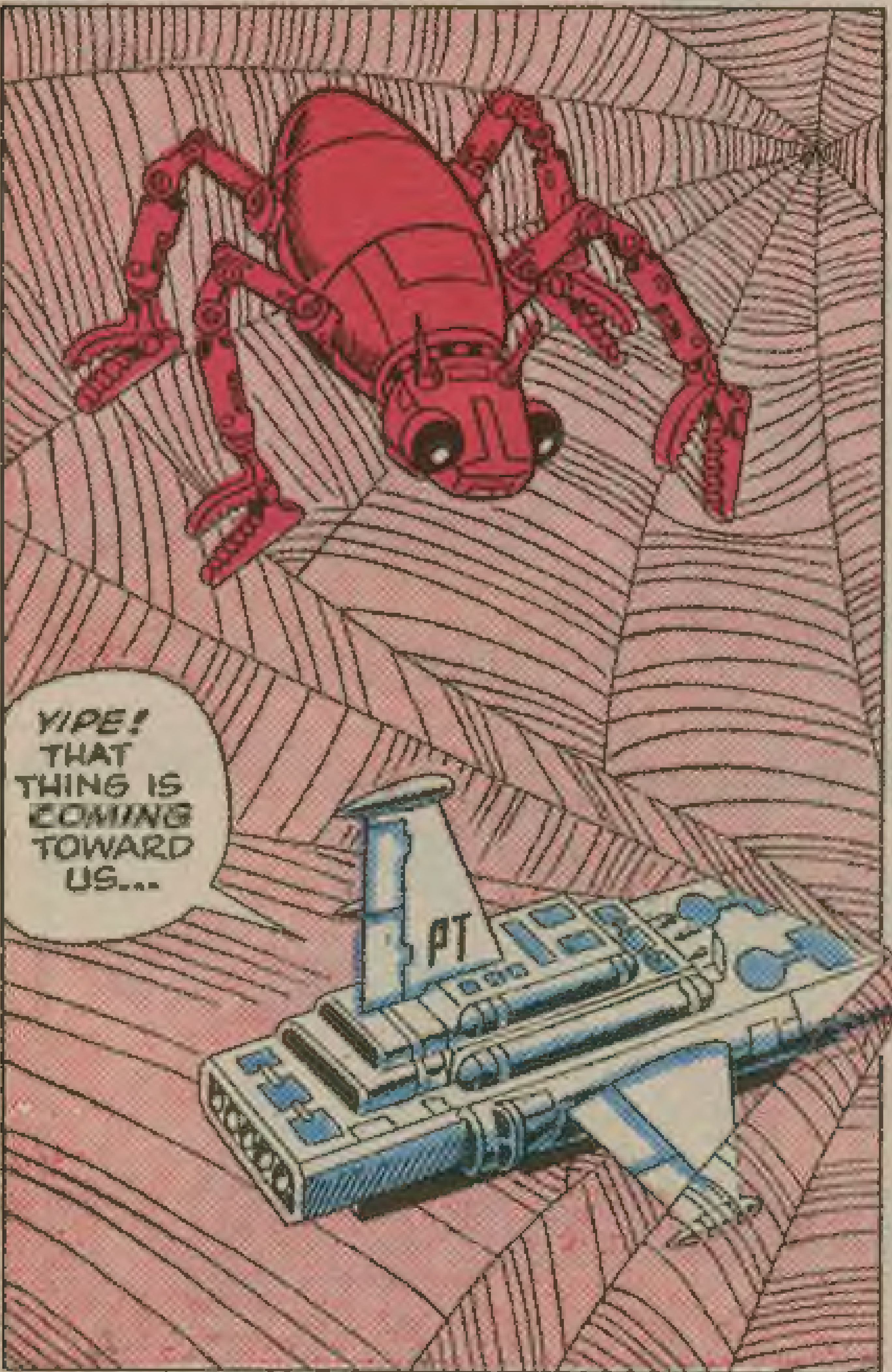
TO SCARAT, ROBOTA! AND PUSH THIS CRATE TO THE LIMIT!

I'M WITH YOU, TERRY!



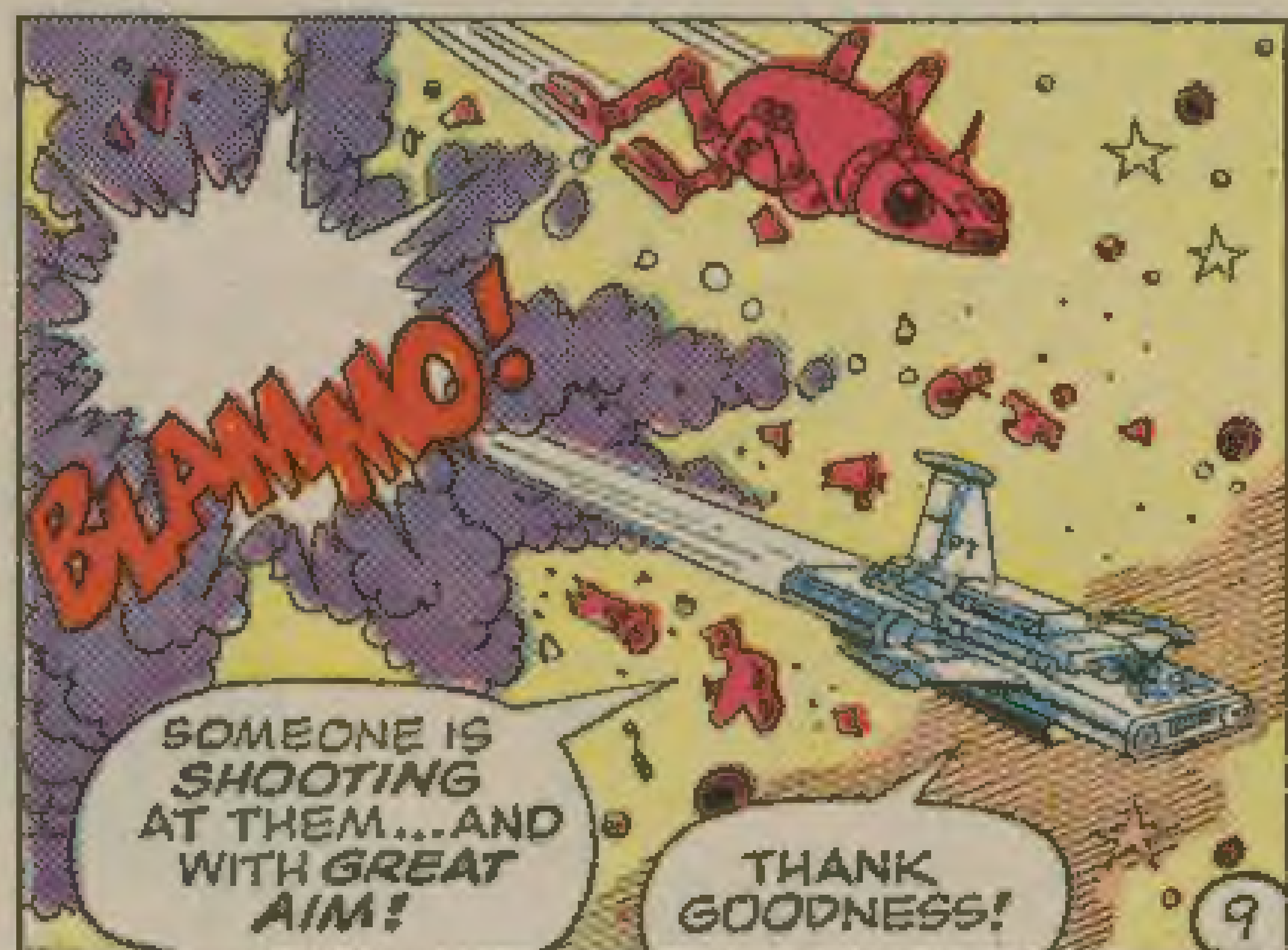
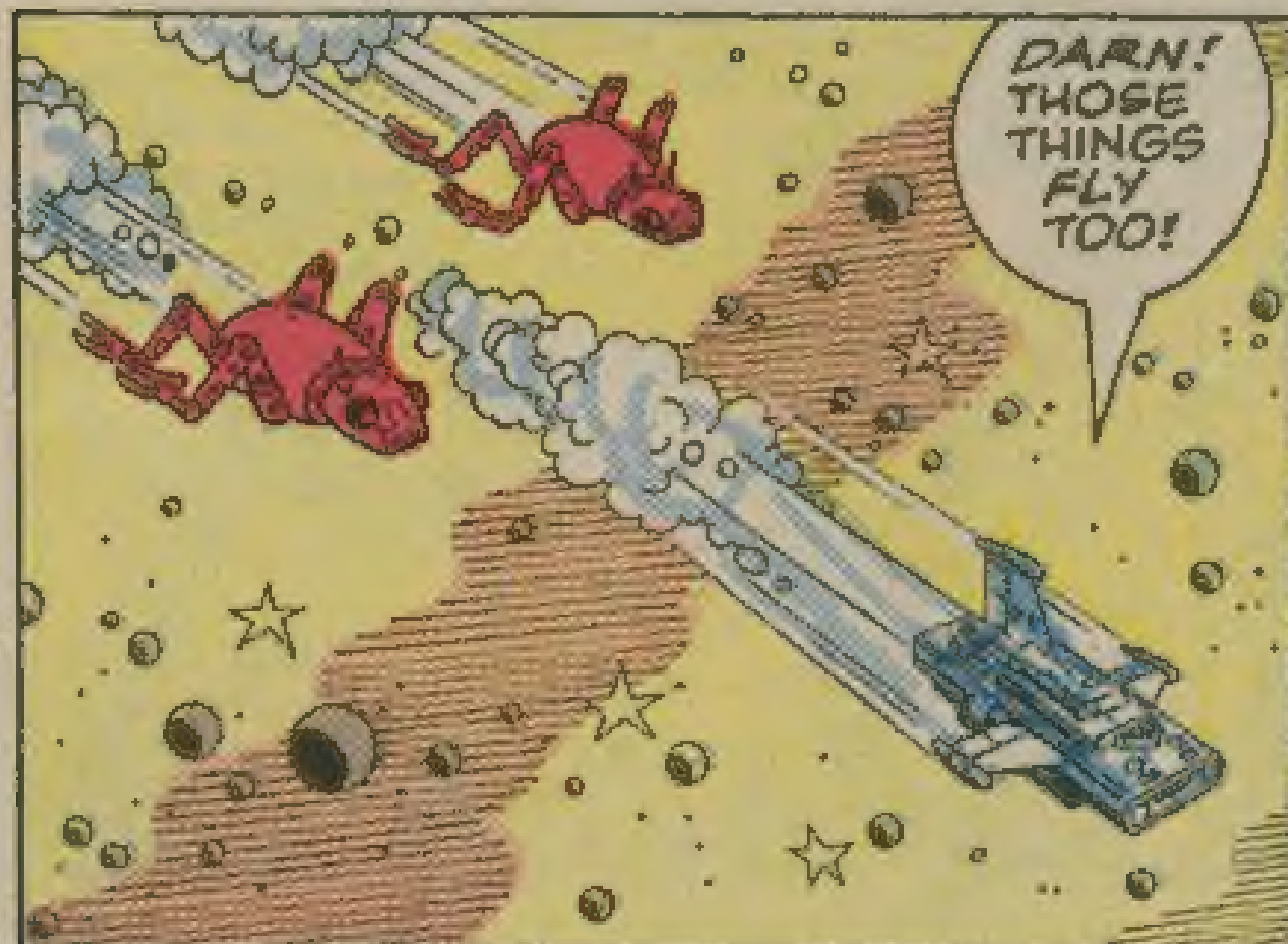
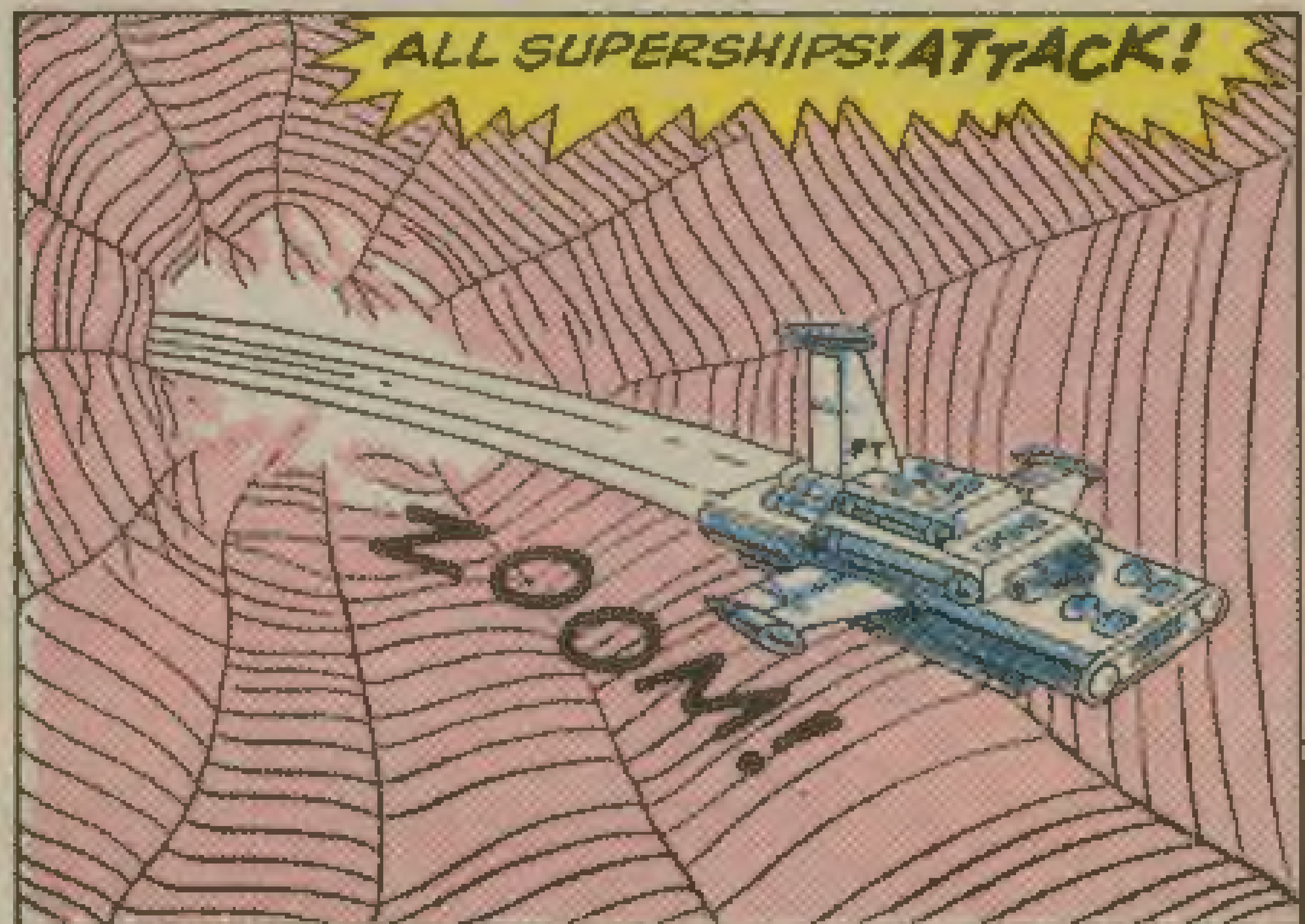
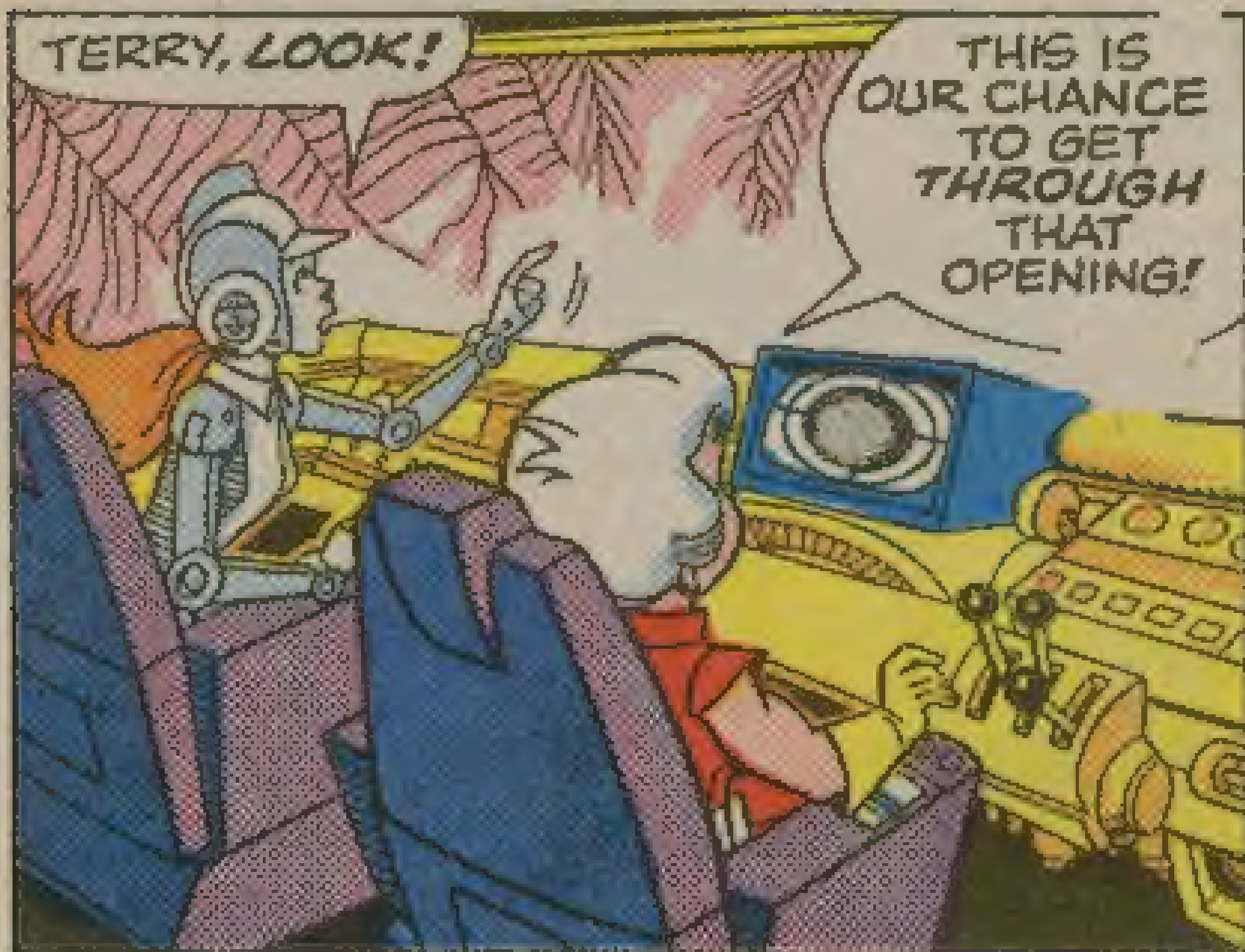


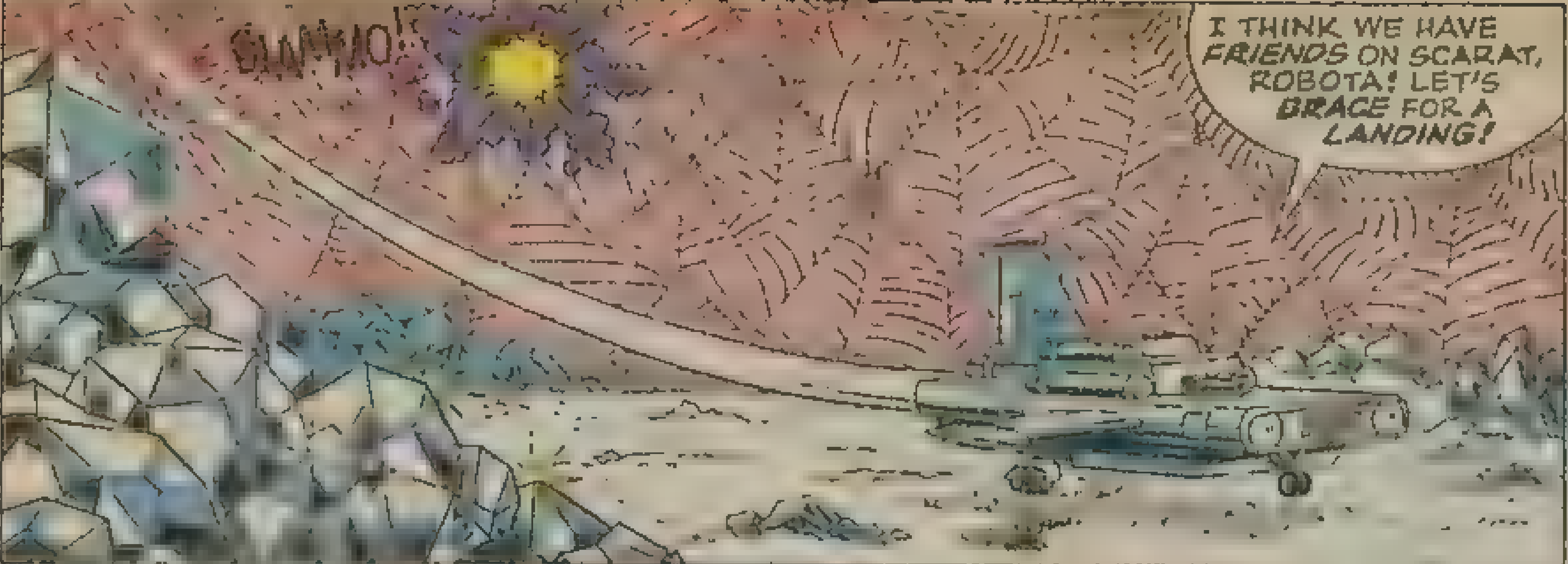
WE'RE STUCK, TERRY!



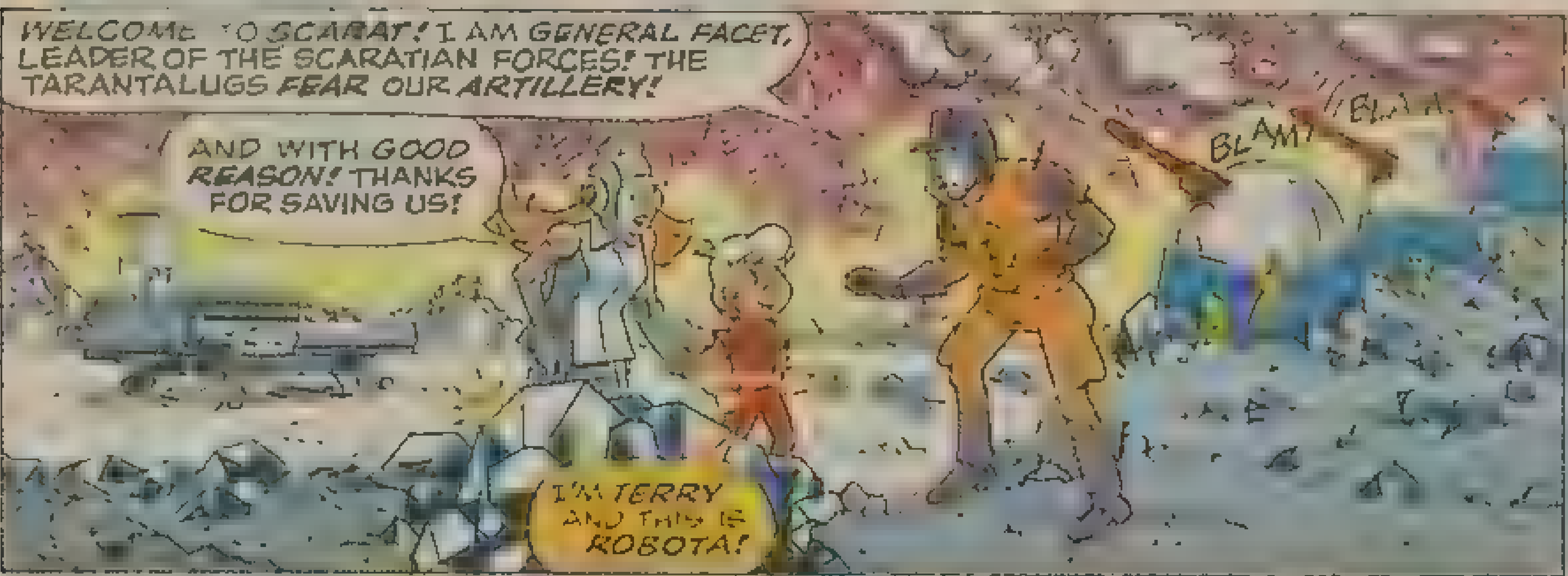
PLANET TERRY ^{IN} RACE AGAINST TIME

BLAMMO!





I THINK WE HAVE FRIENDS ON SCARAT, ROBOTA! LET'S BRACE FOR A LANDING!

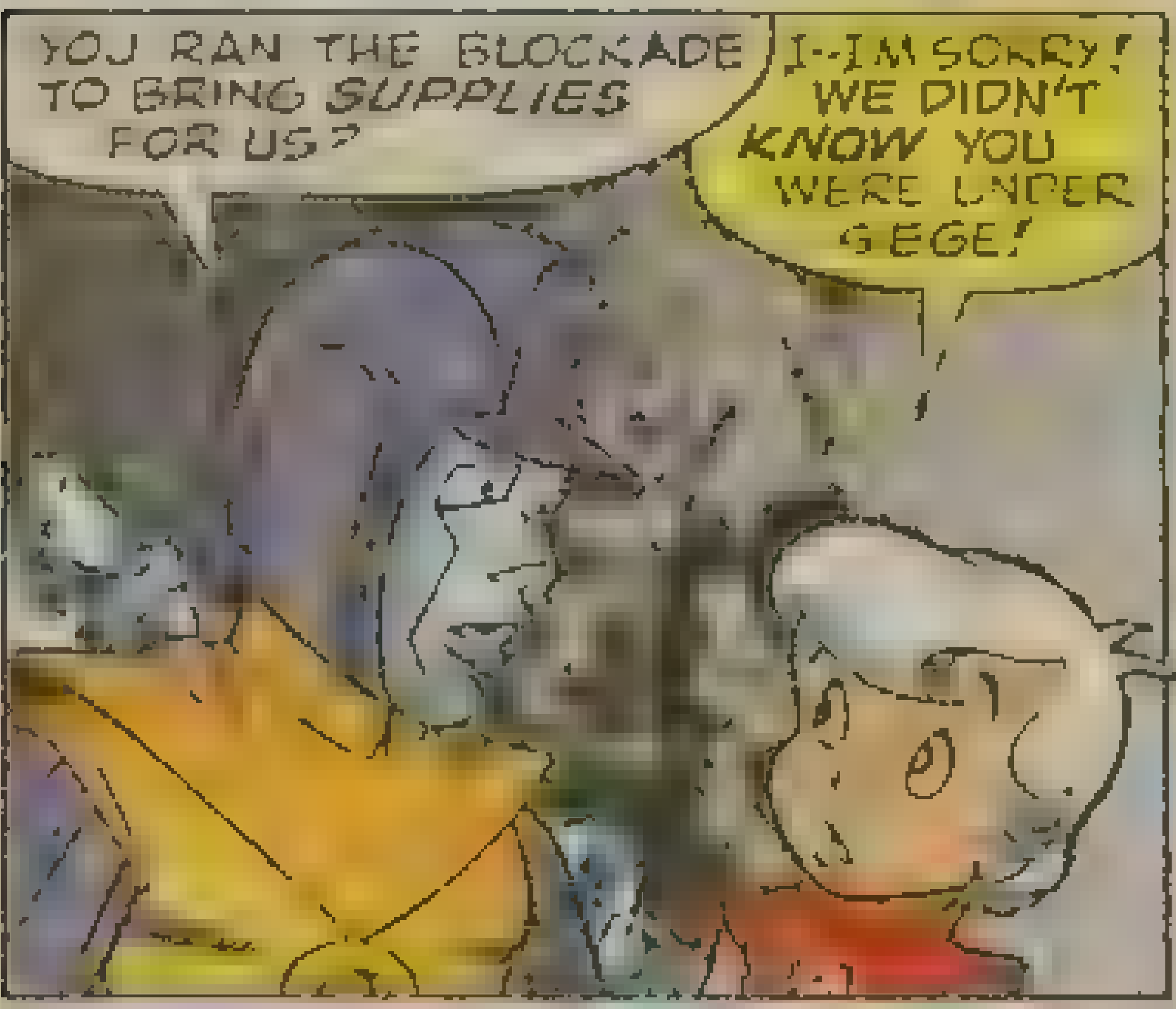


WELCOME TO SCARAT! I AM GENERAL FACET, LEADER OF THE SCARATIAN FORCES! THE TARANTALUGS FEAR OUR ARTILLERY!

AND WITH GOOD REASON! THANKS FOR SAVING US!

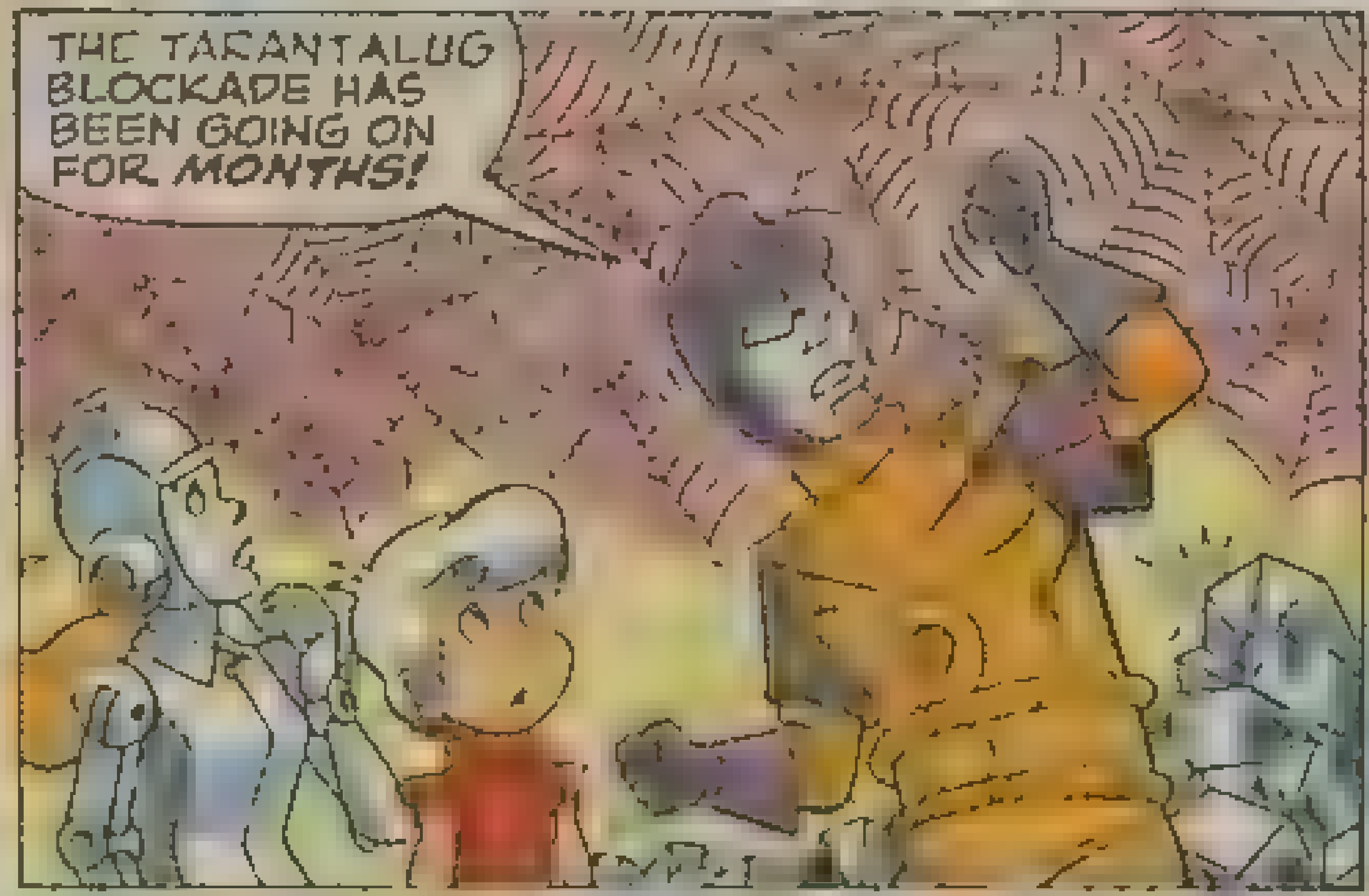
I'M TERRY AND THIS IS ROBOTA!

BLAM!

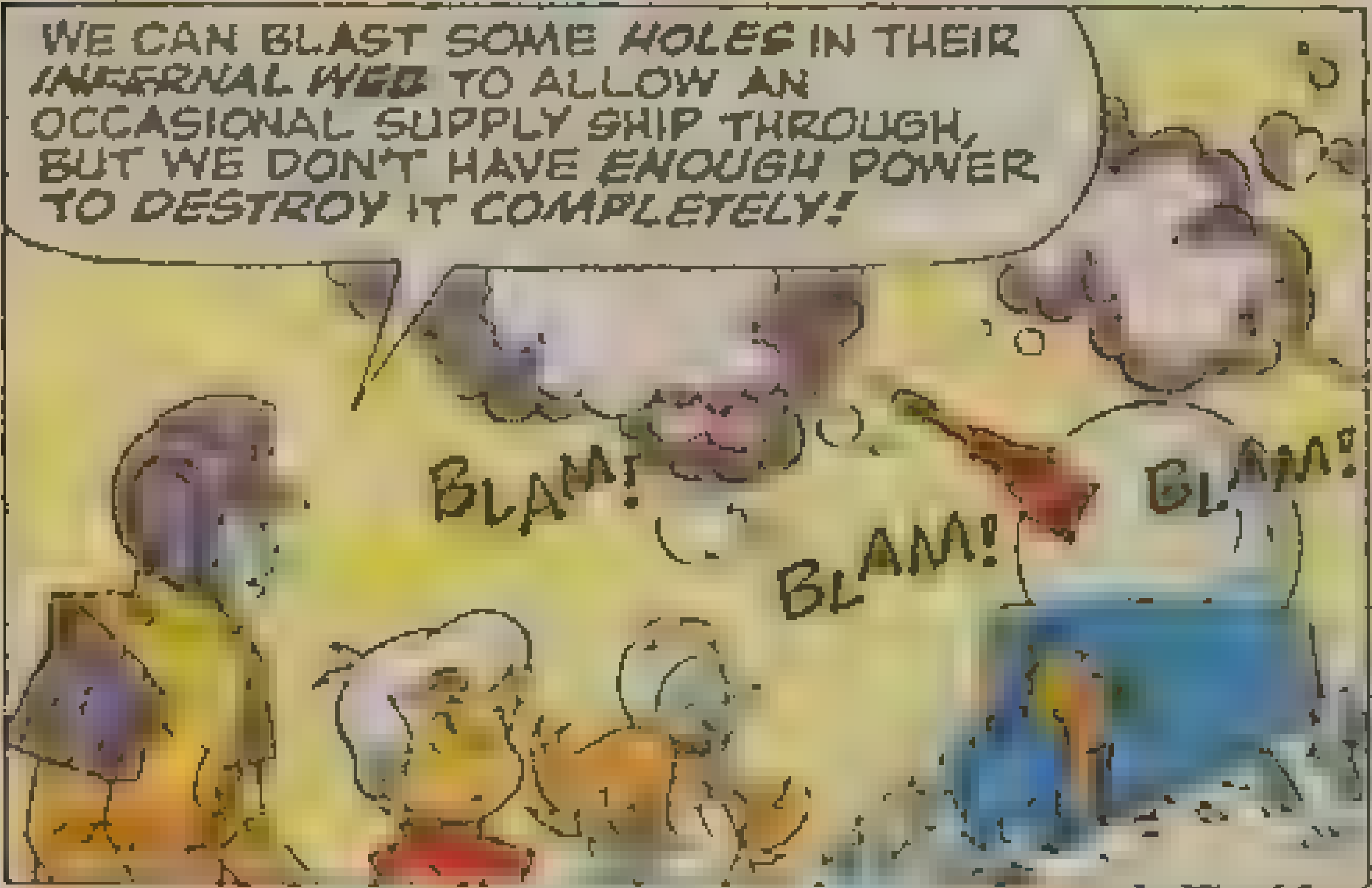


YOU RAN THE BLOCKADE TO BRING SUPPLIES FOR US?

I-I'M SORRY! WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE UNDER GEGE!



THE TARANTALUG BLOCKADE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MONTHS!

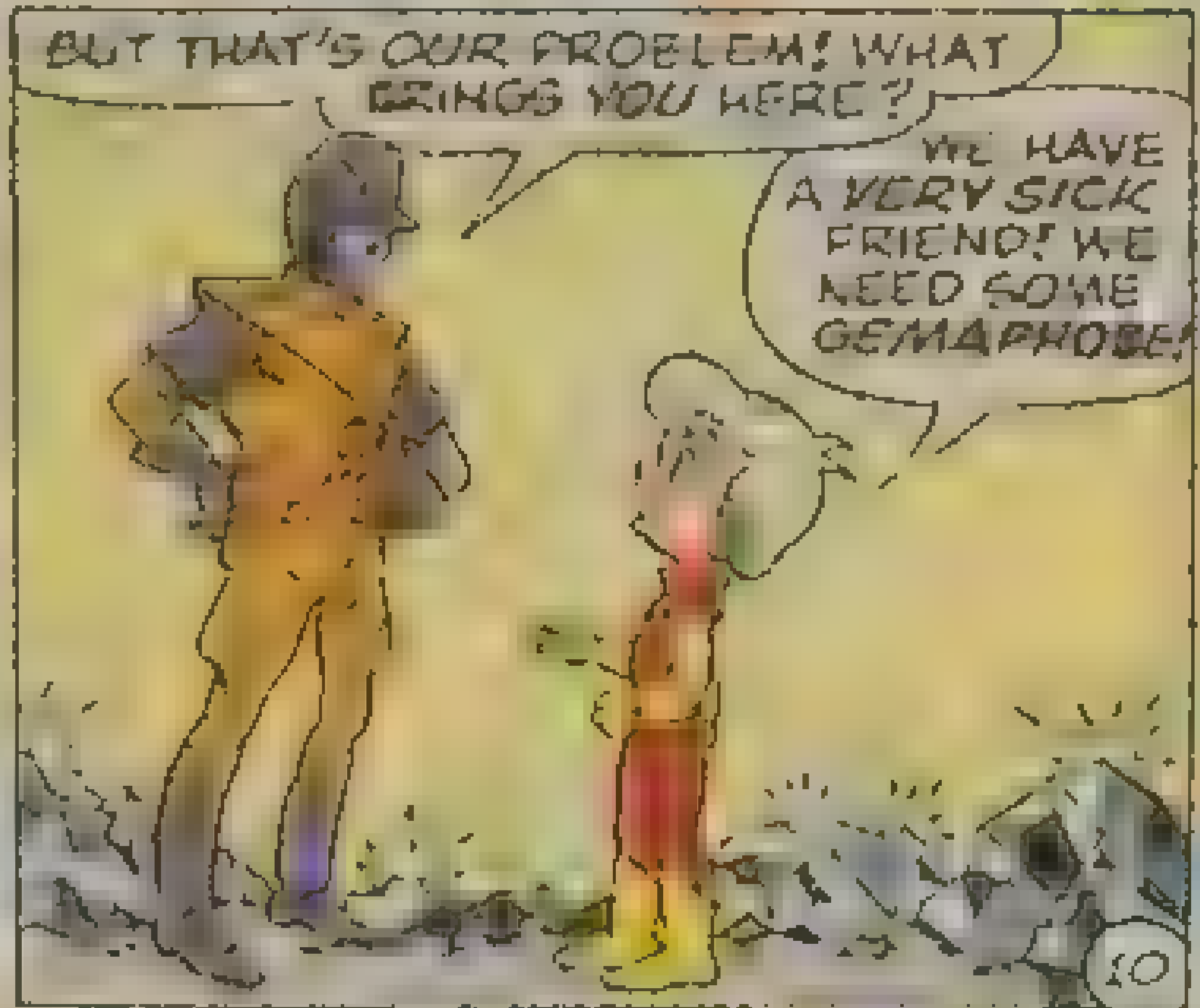


WE CAN BLAST SOME HOLES IN THEIR INFERNAL WEB TO ALLOW AN OCCASIONAL SUPPLY SHIP THROUGH, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO DESTROY IT COMPLETELY!

BLAM!

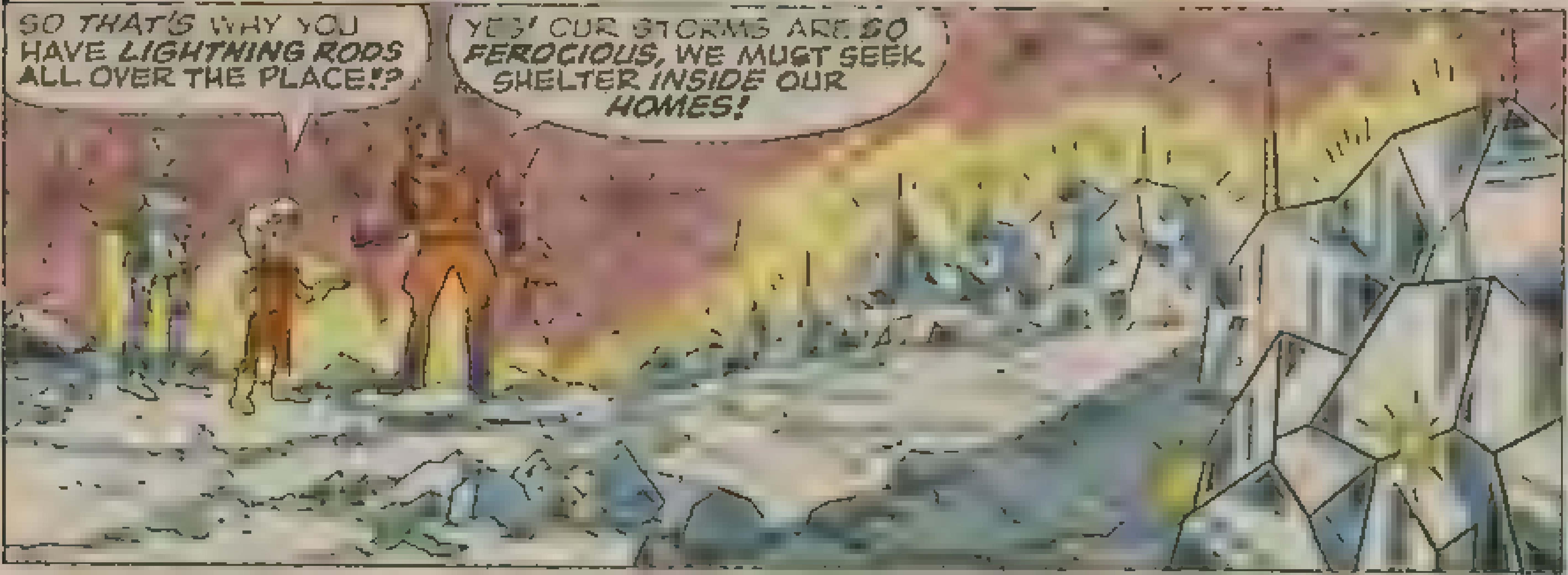
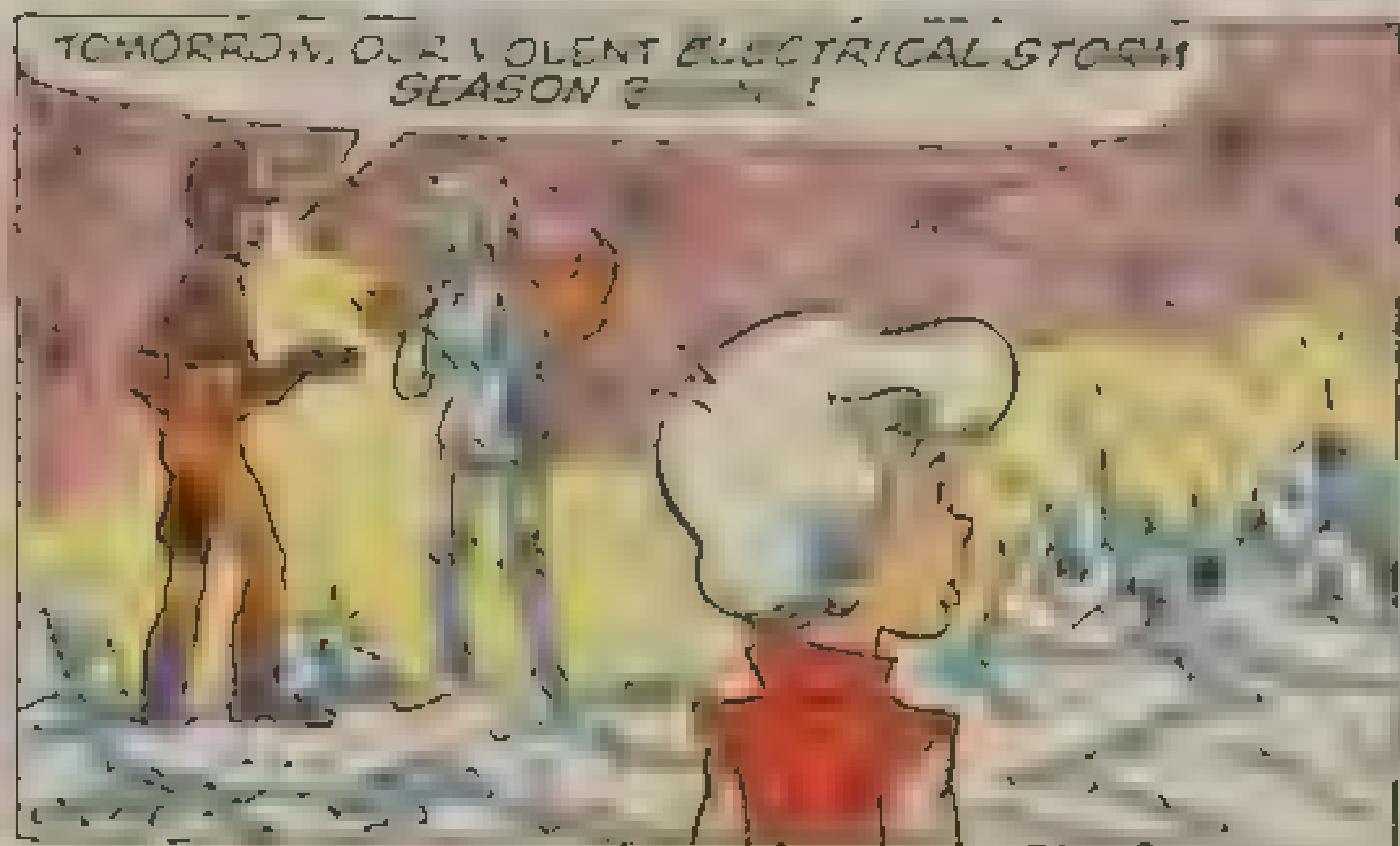
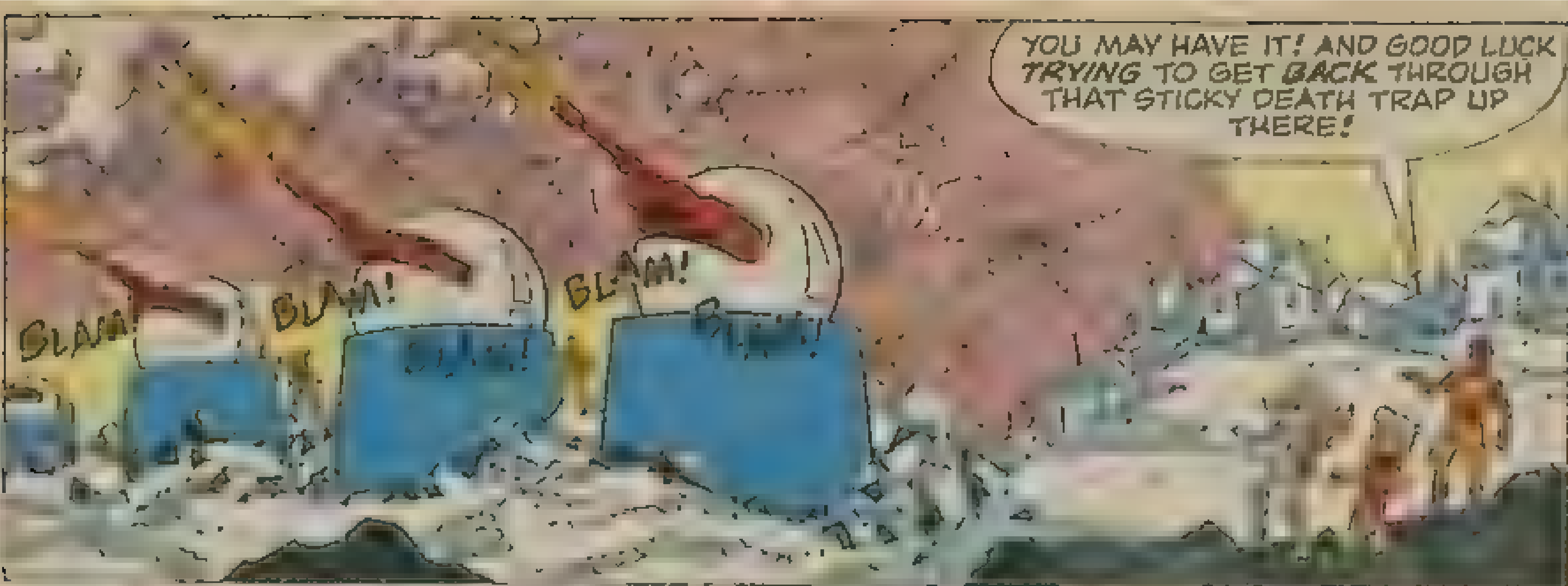
BLAM!

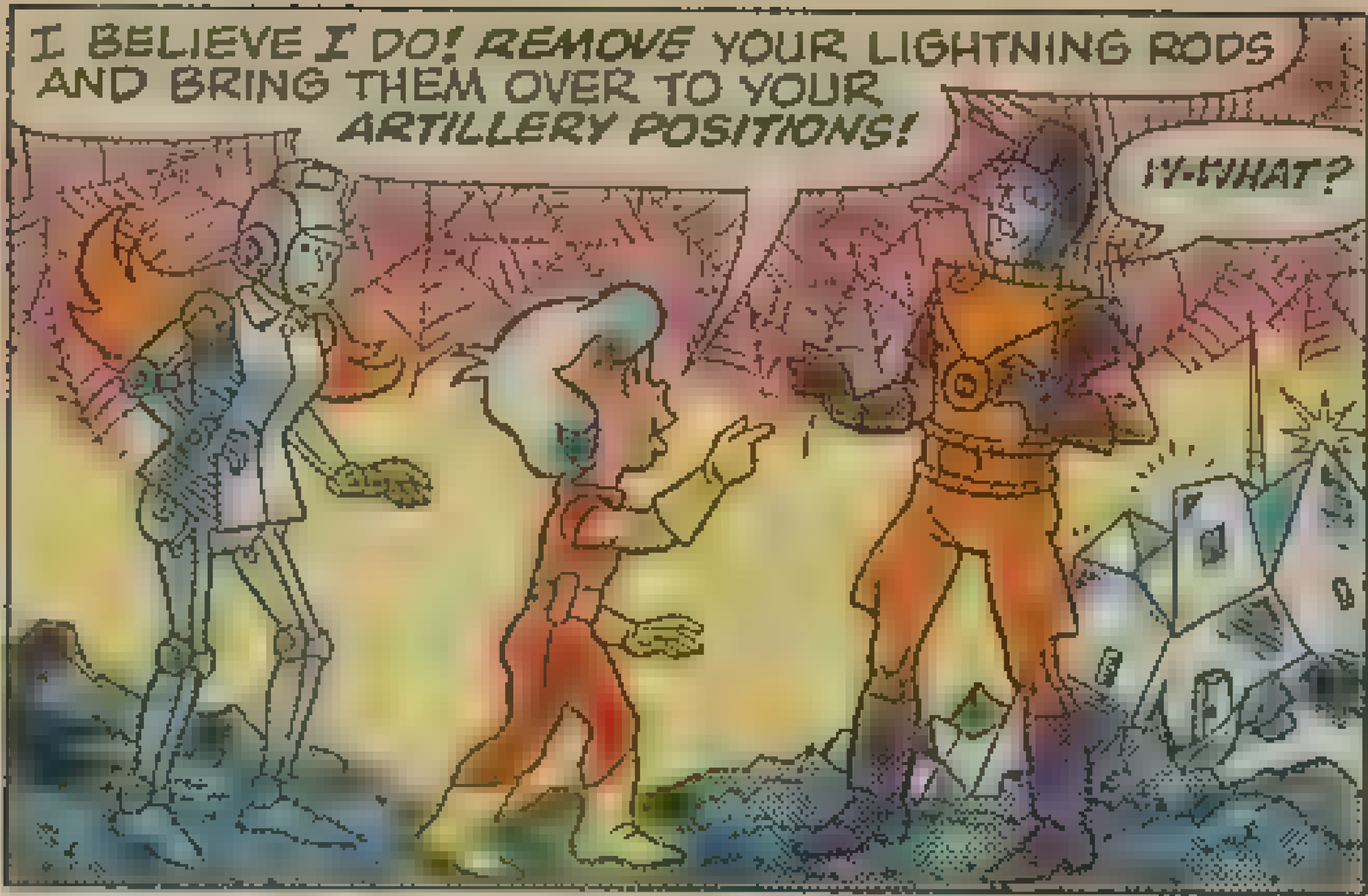
BLAM!



BUT THAT'S OUR PROBLEM! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

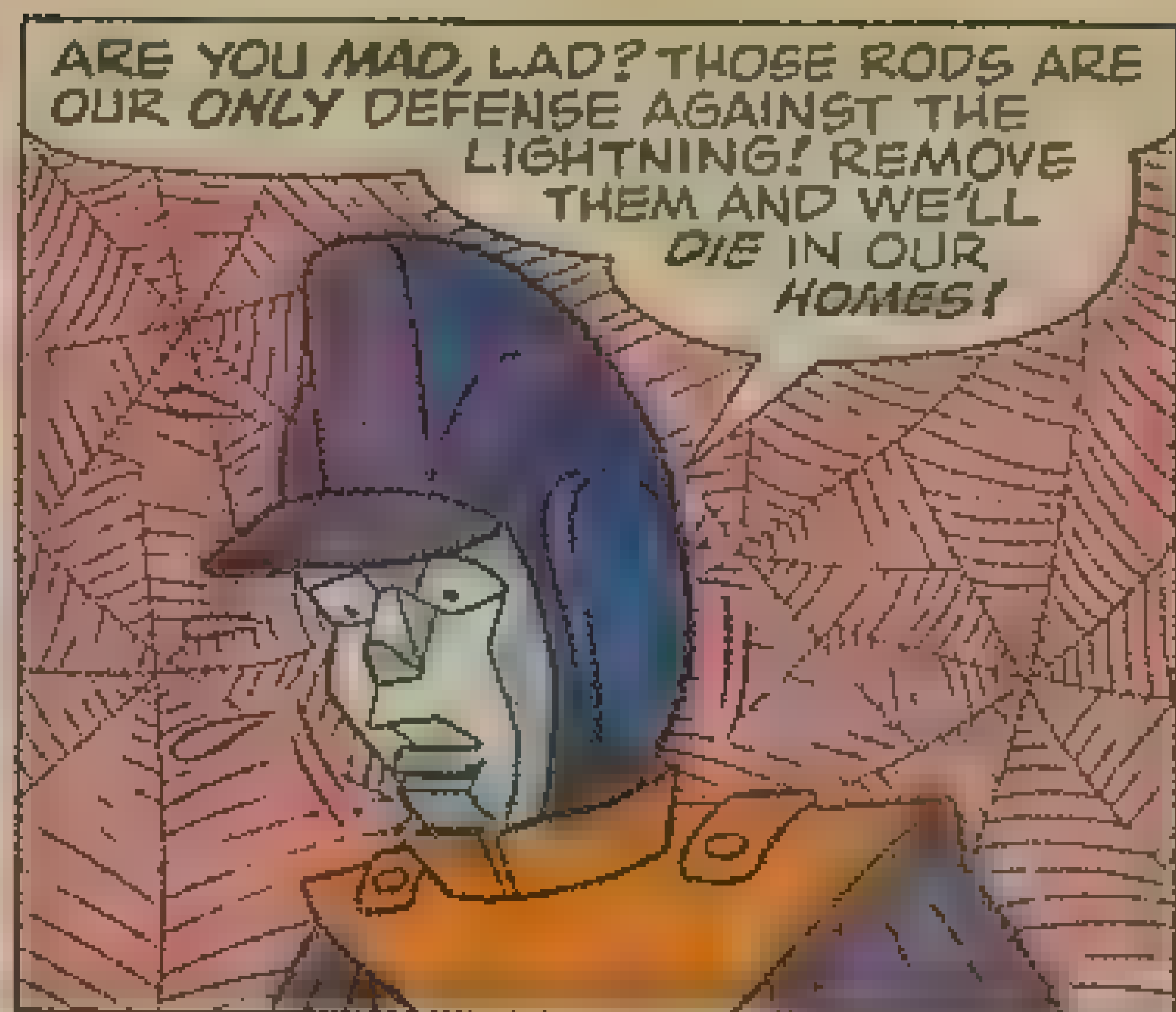
WE HAVE A VERY SICK FRIEND! WE NEED SOME GEMAPHORE!



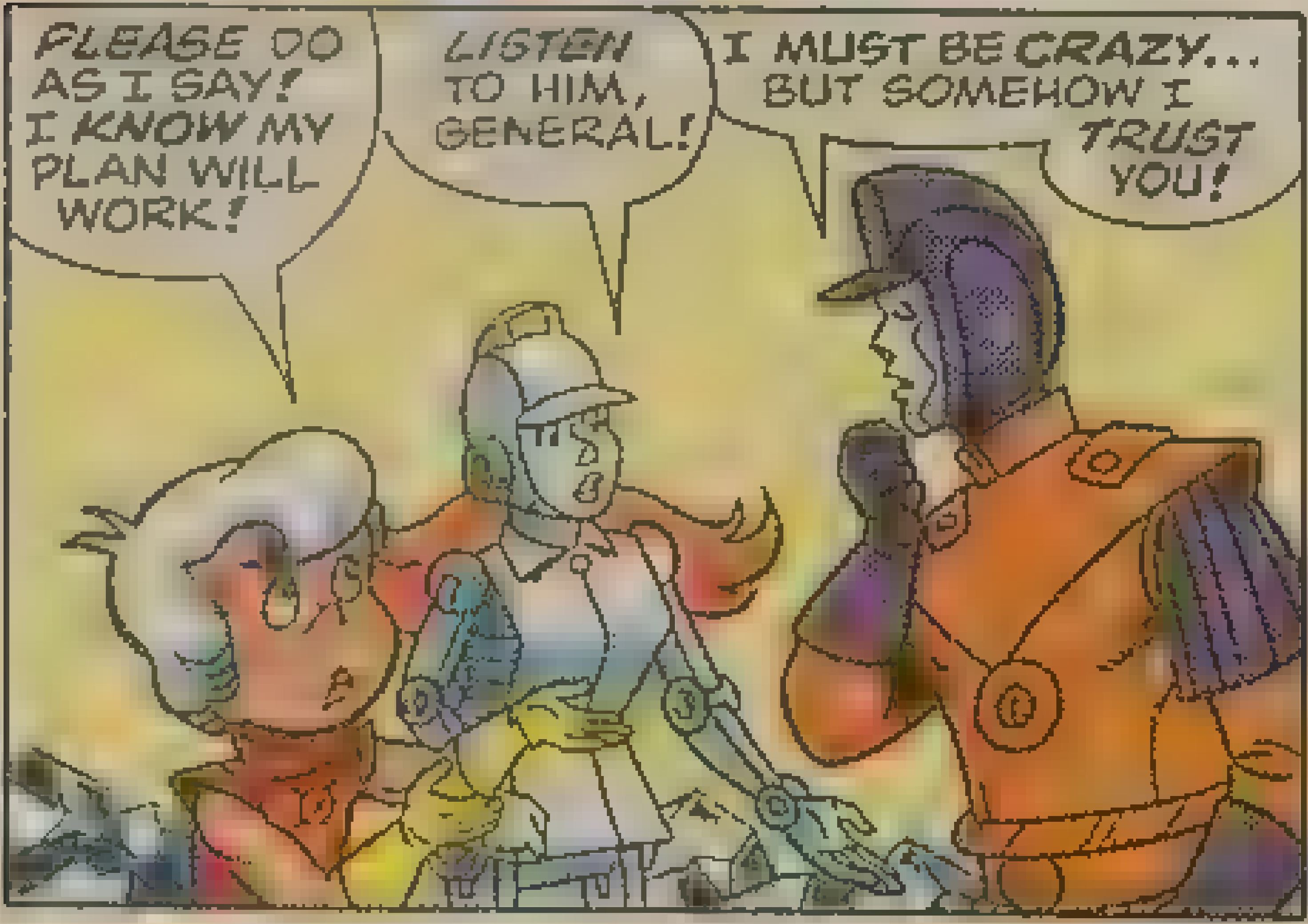


I BELIEVE I DO! REMOVE YOUR LIGHTNING RODS AND BRING THEM OVER TO YOUR ARTILLERY POSITIONS!

W-WHAT?



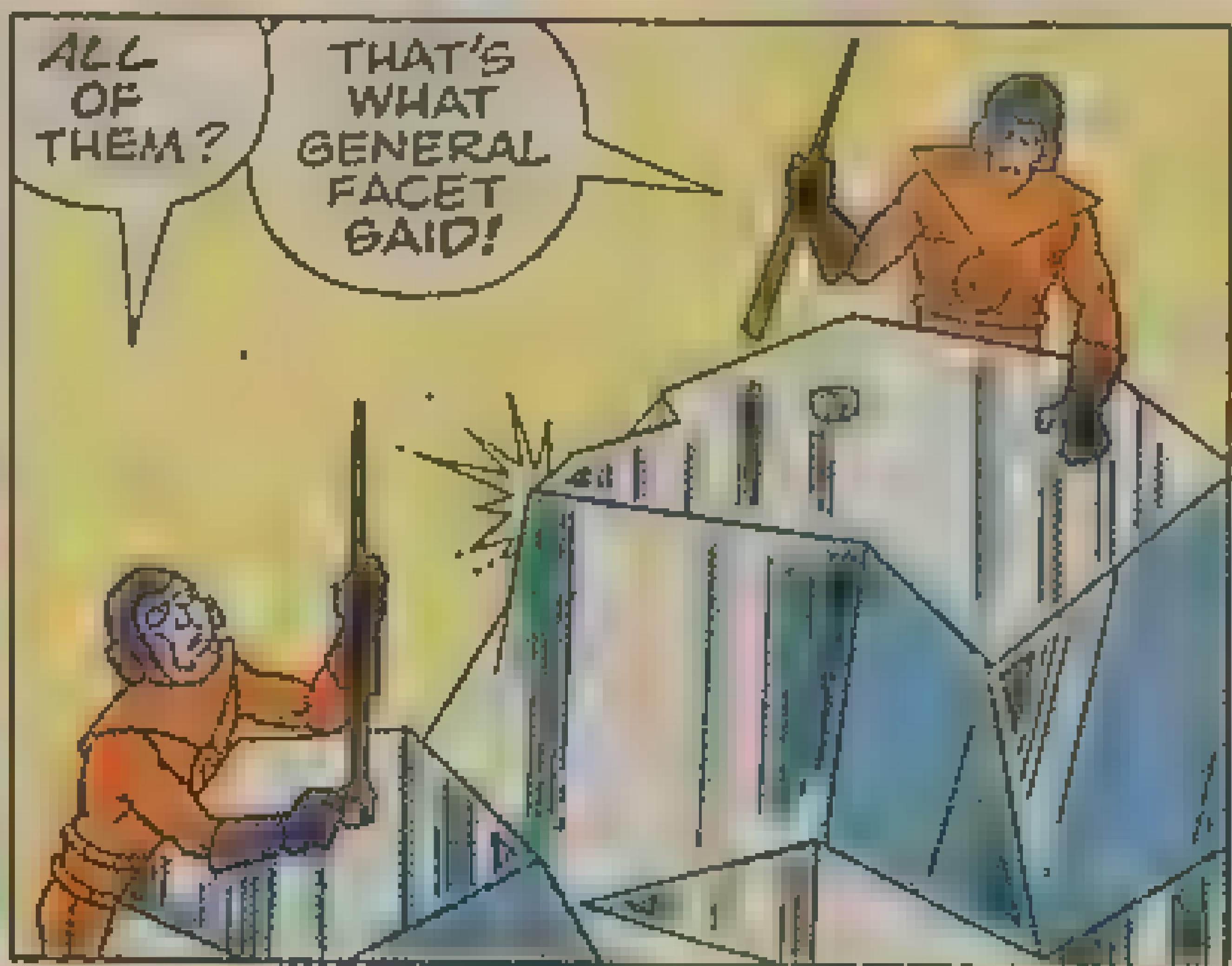
ARE YOU MAD, LAD? THOSE RODS ARE OUR ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST THE LIGHTNING! REMOVE THEM AND WE'LL DIE IN OUR HOMES!



PLEASE DO AS I SAY! I KNOW MY PLAN WILL WORK!

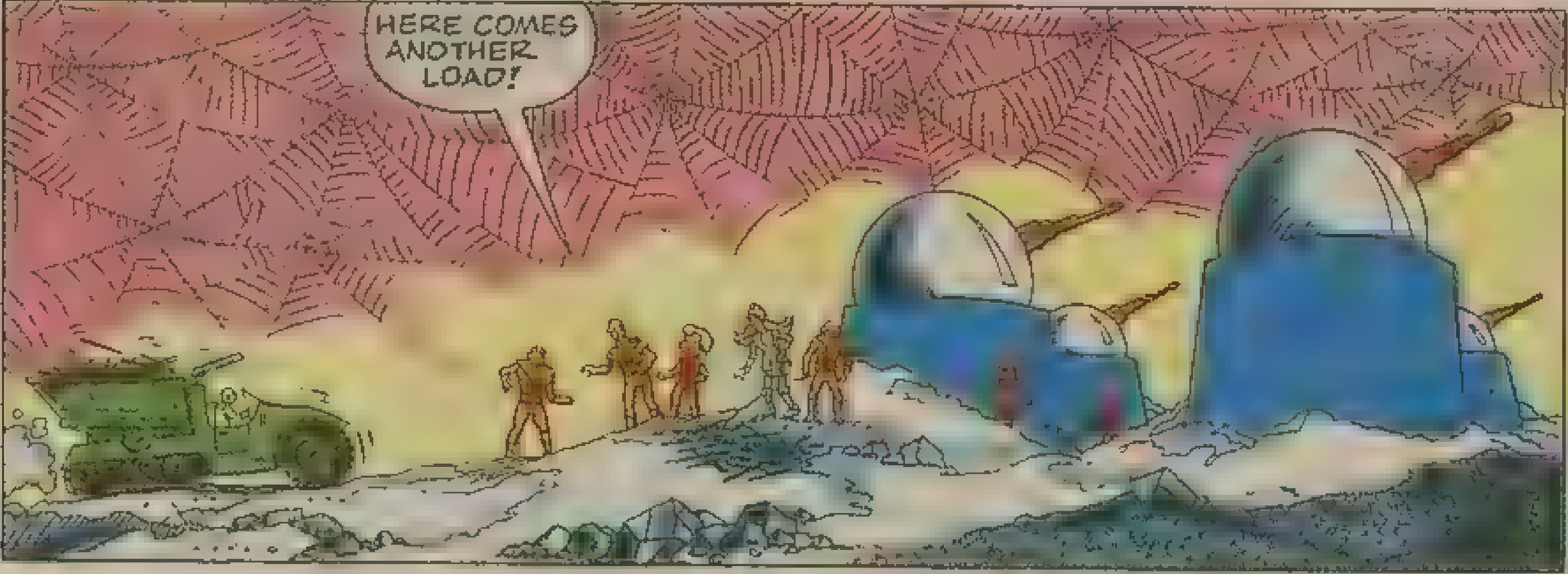
LISTEN TO HIM, GENERAL!

I MUST BE CRAZY... BUT SOMEHOW I TRUST YOU!



ALL OF THEM?

THAT'S WHAT GENERAL FACET SAID!



HERE COMES ANOTHER LOAD!



NOW WE'LL REMOVE THE EXPLOSIVES FROM YOUR ARTILLERY SHELLS AND ATTACH LIGHTNING RODS TO THEM!



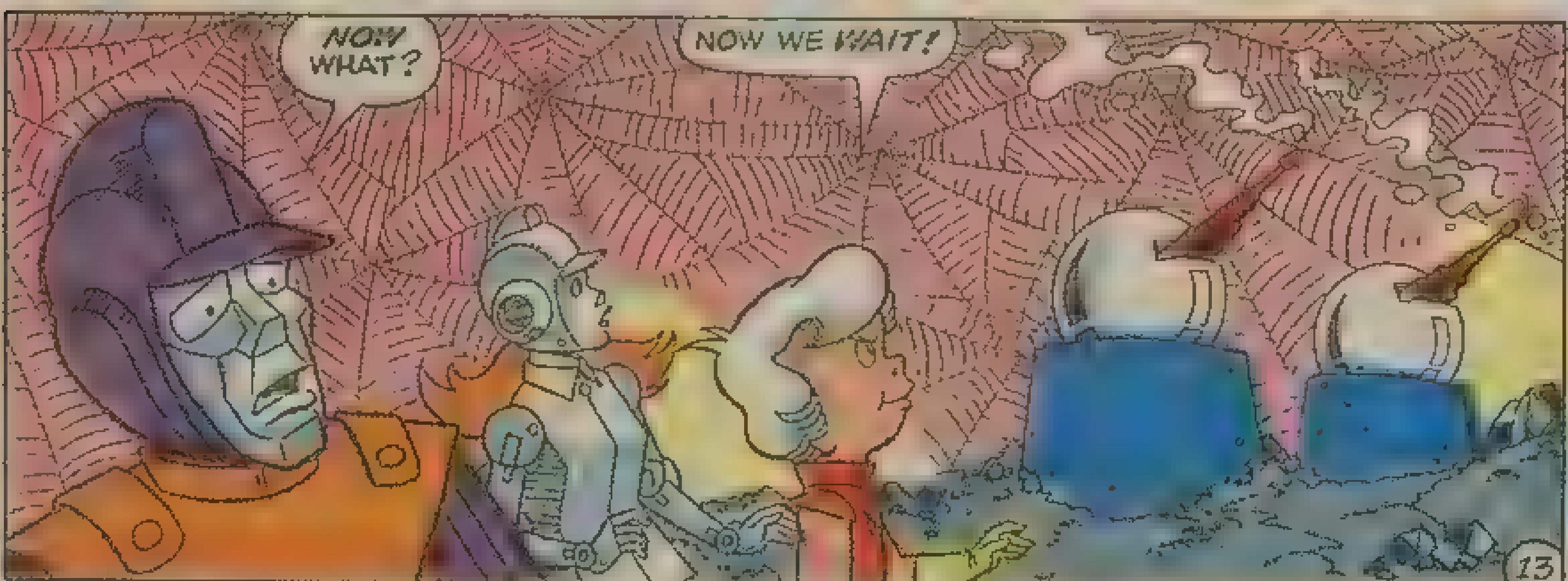
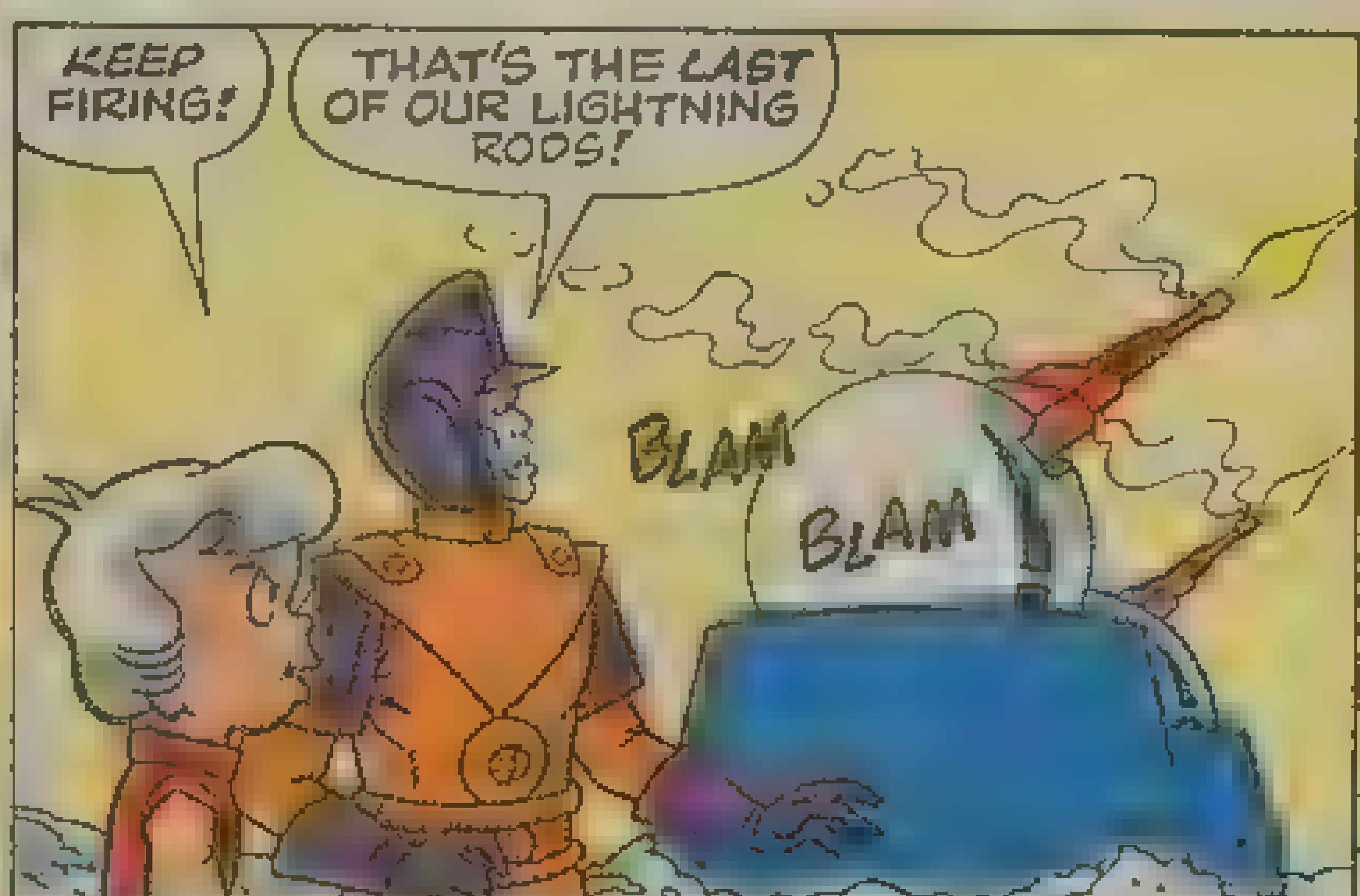
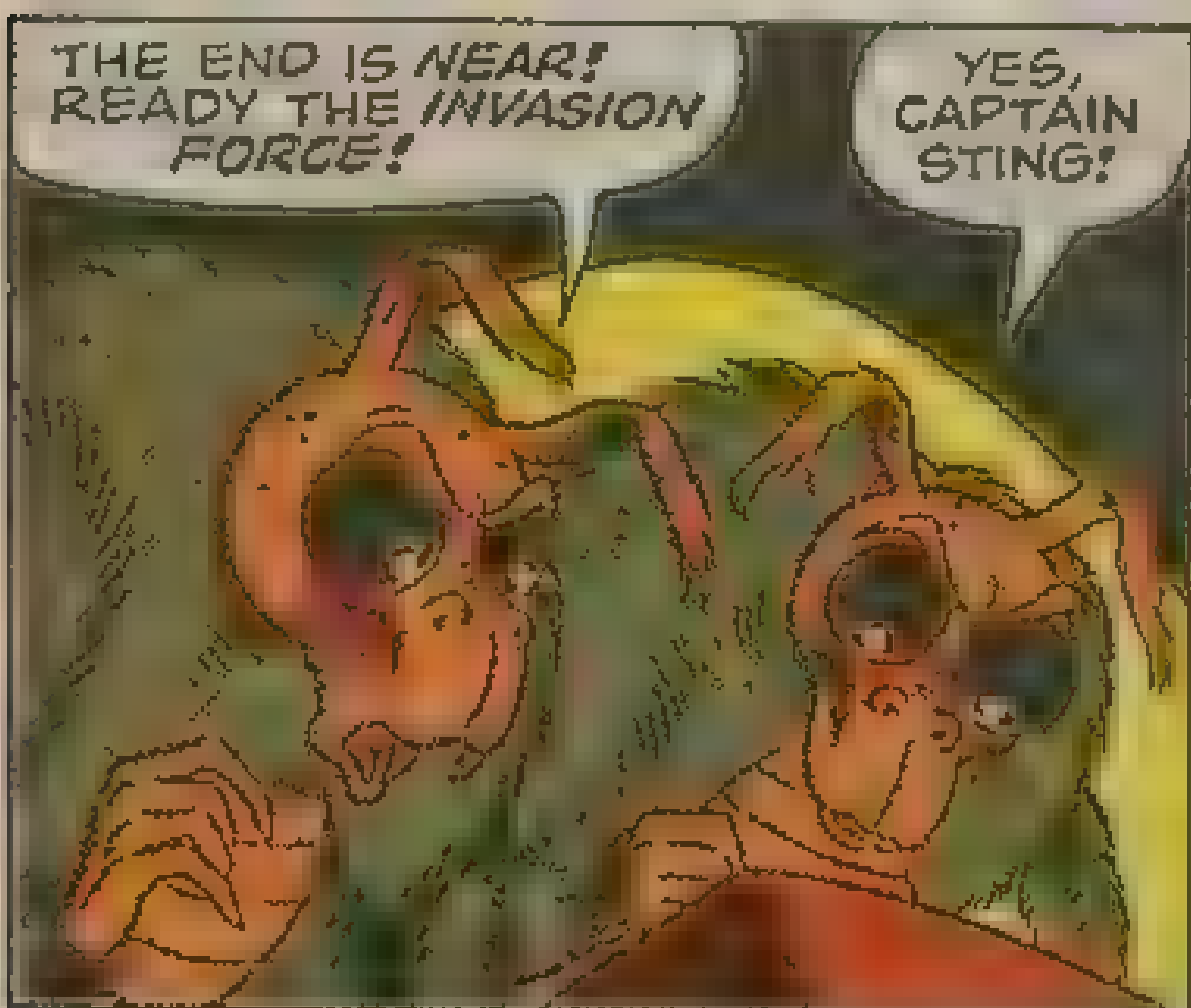
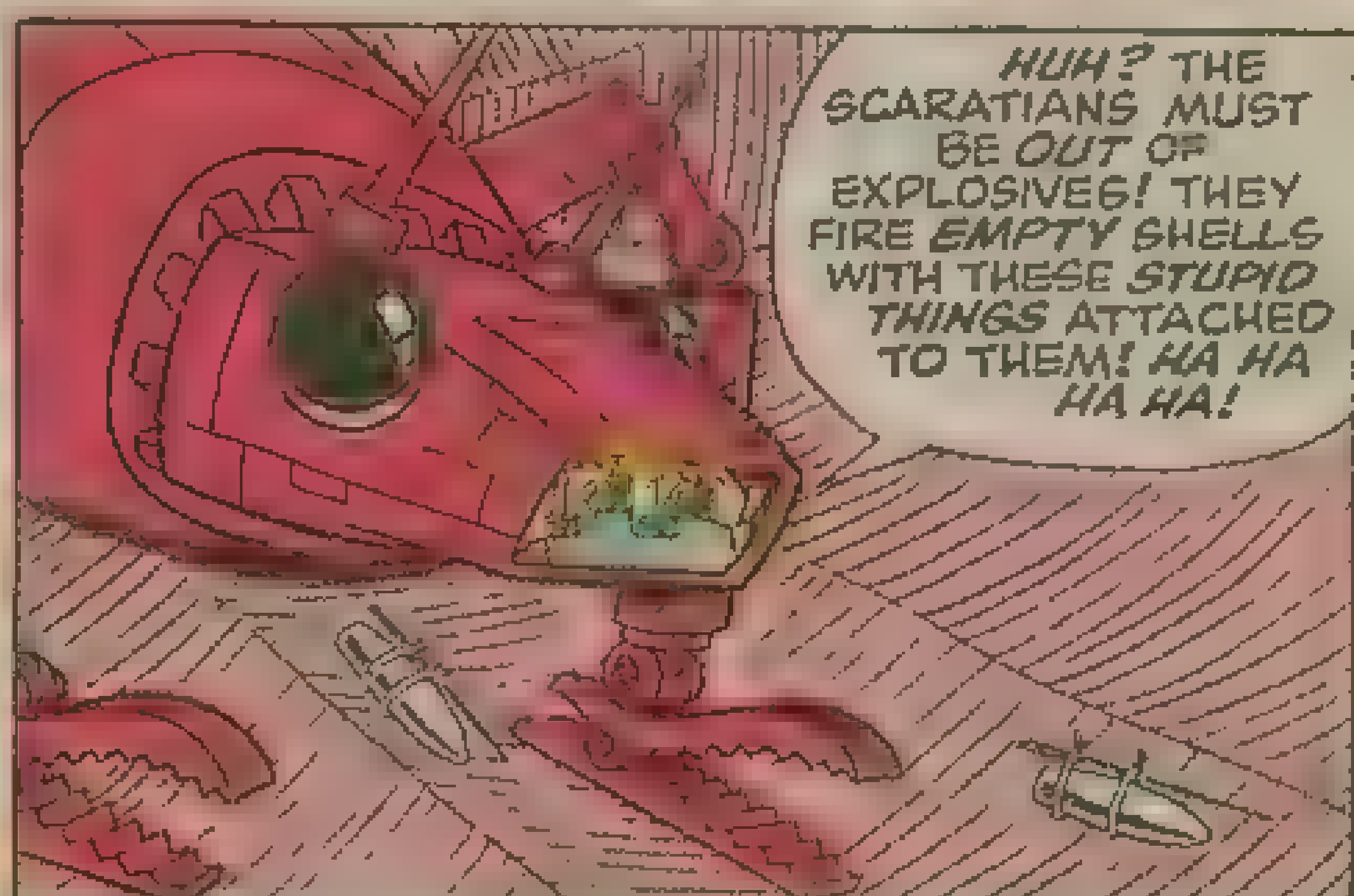
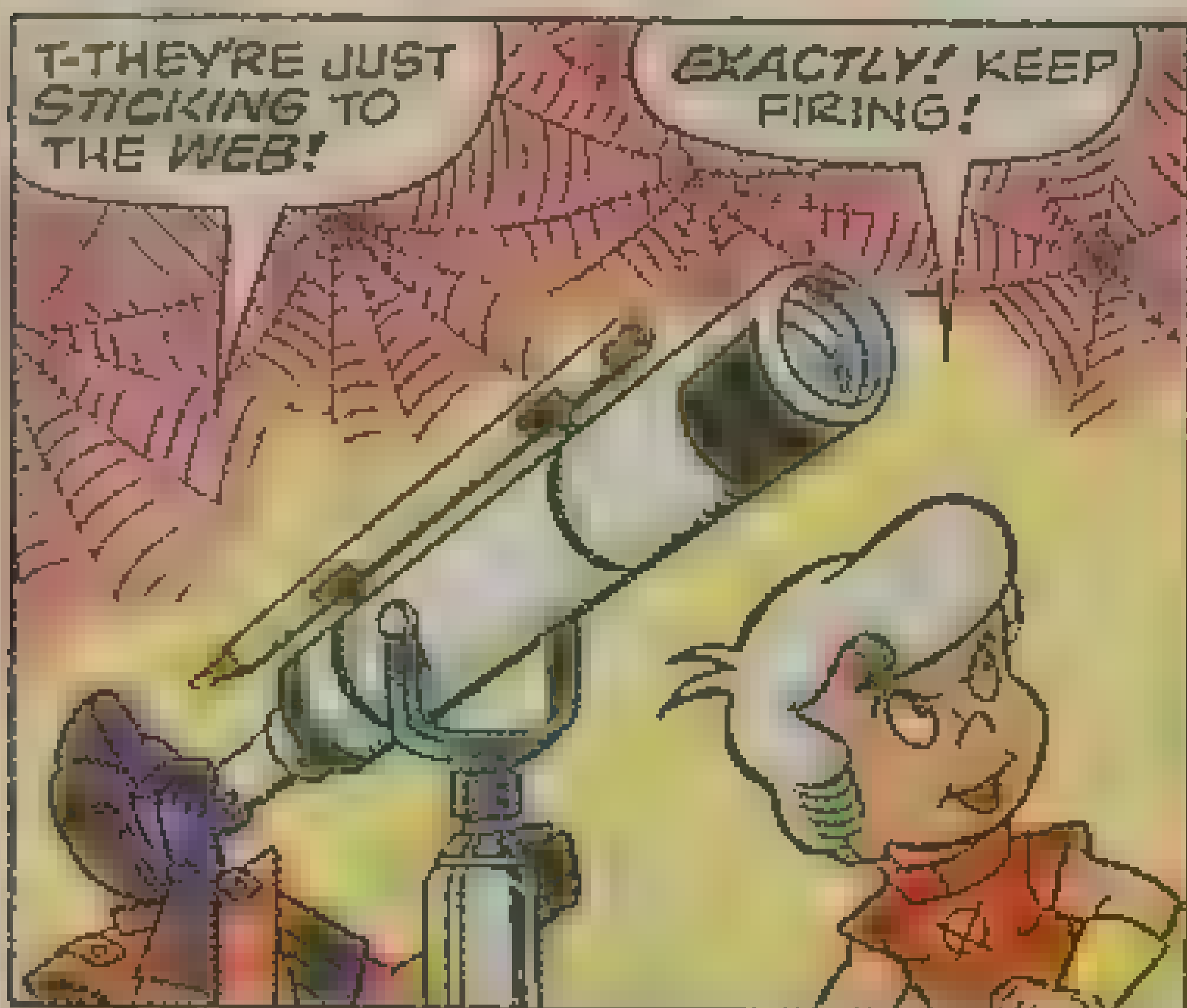
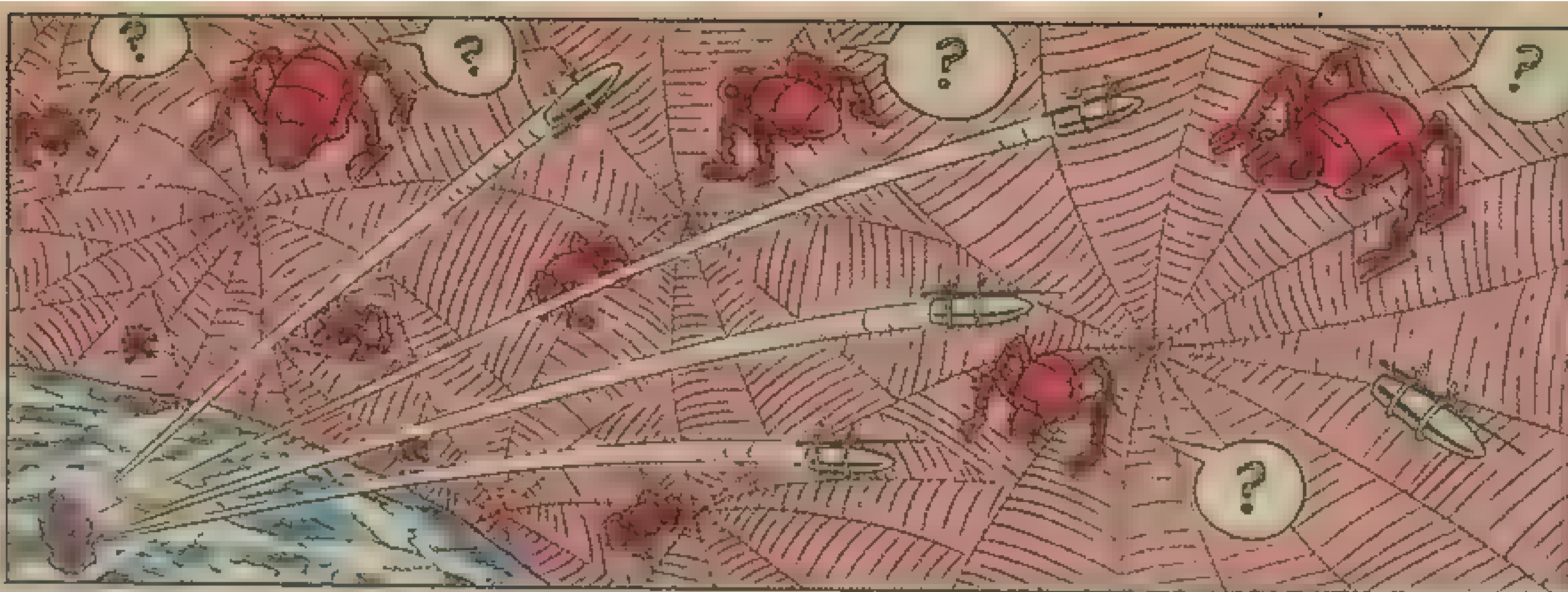
SOON... ALL SET? NOW FIRE AWAY AT THE WEB!

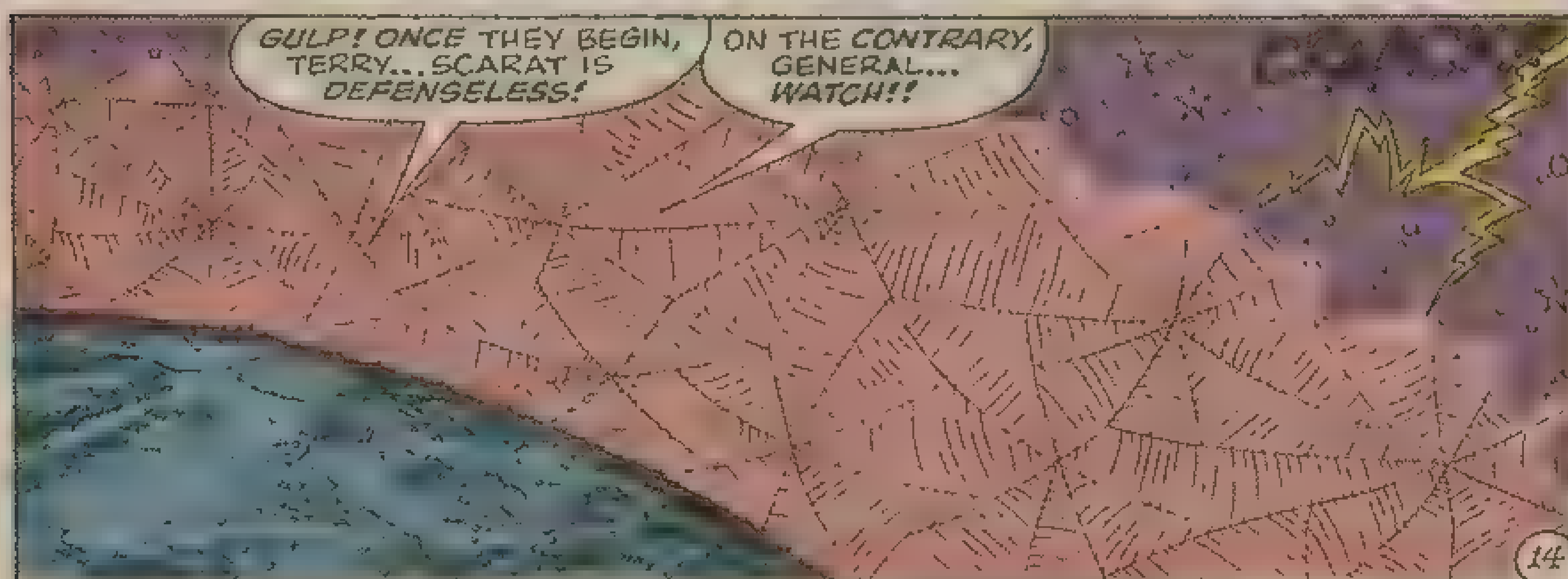
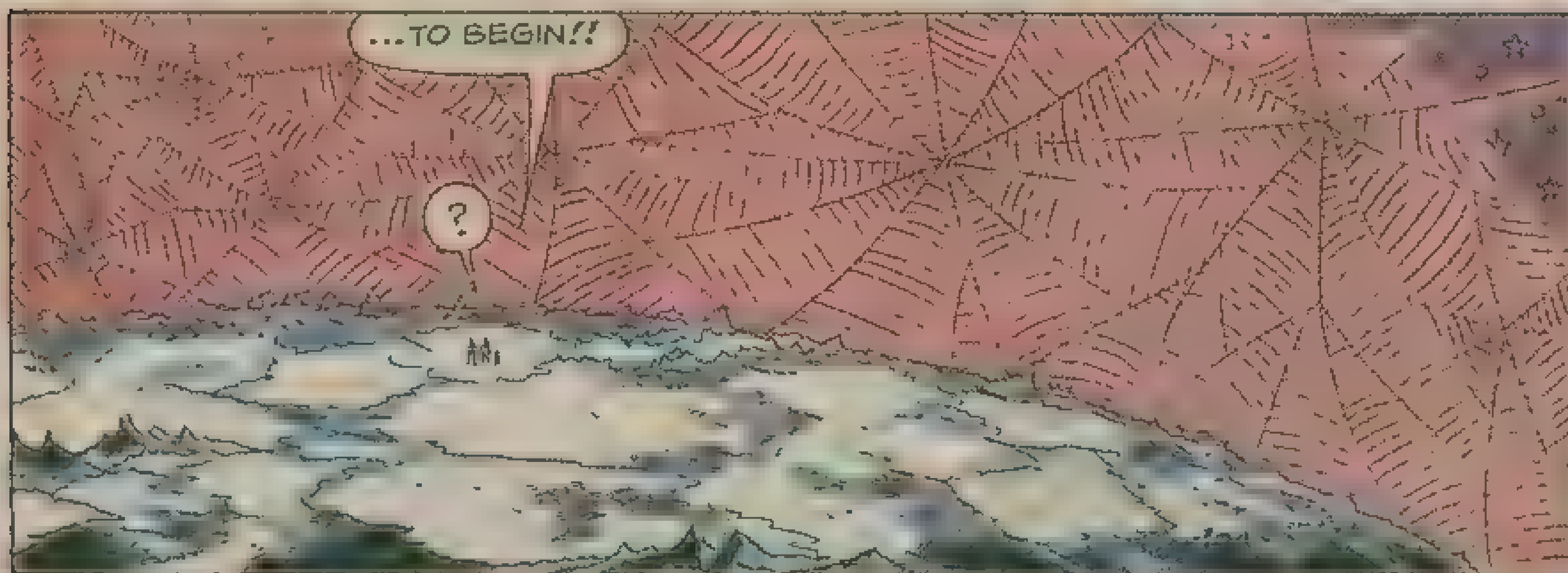
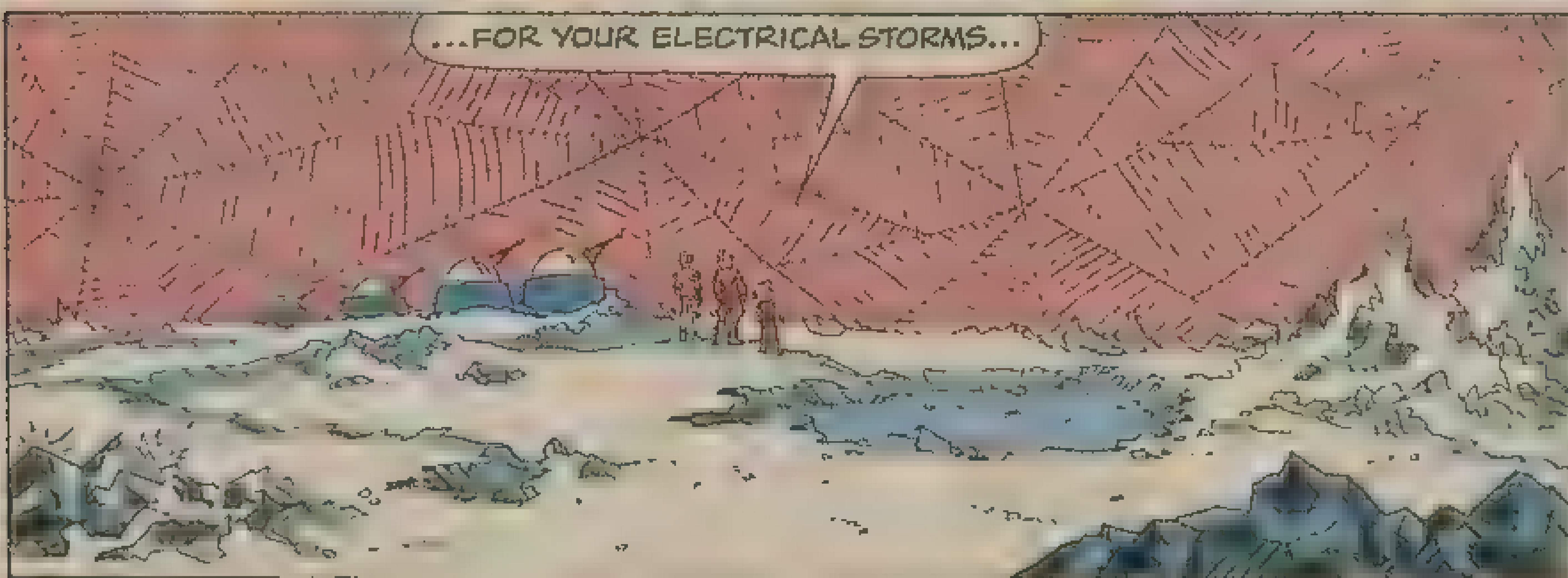
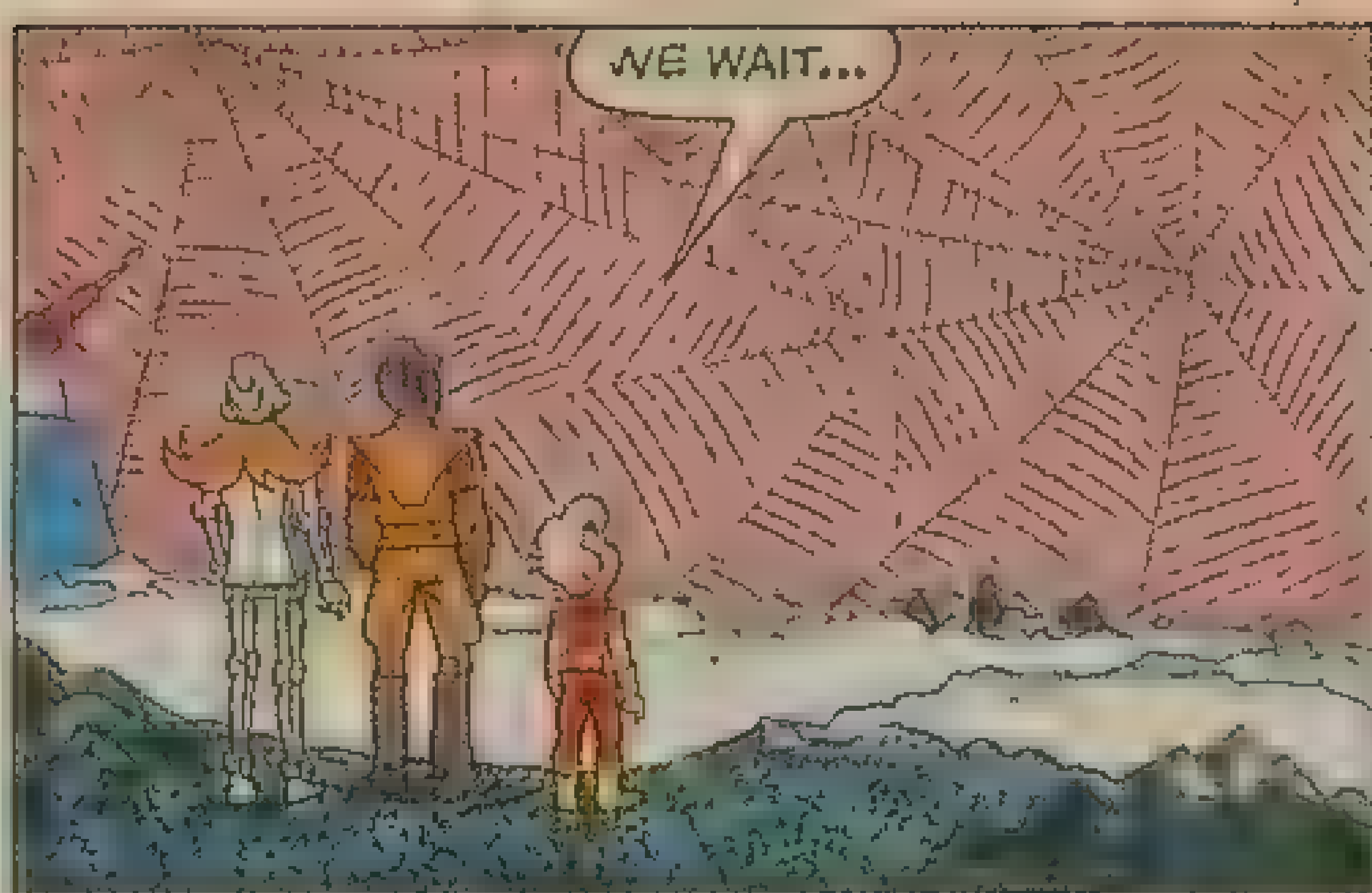
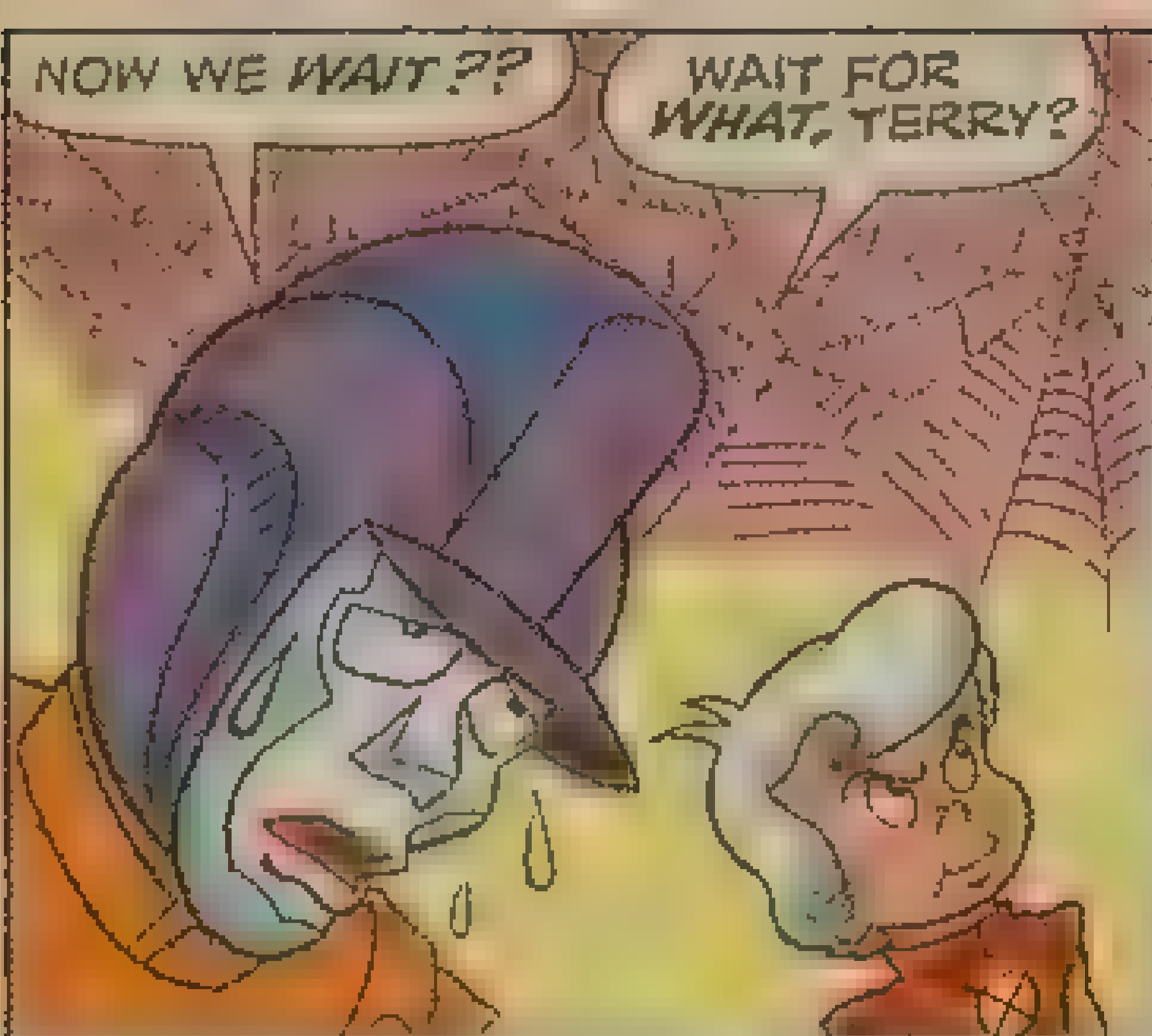
FIRE!

BLAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!





BOOM!

CRACKLE!

POW!

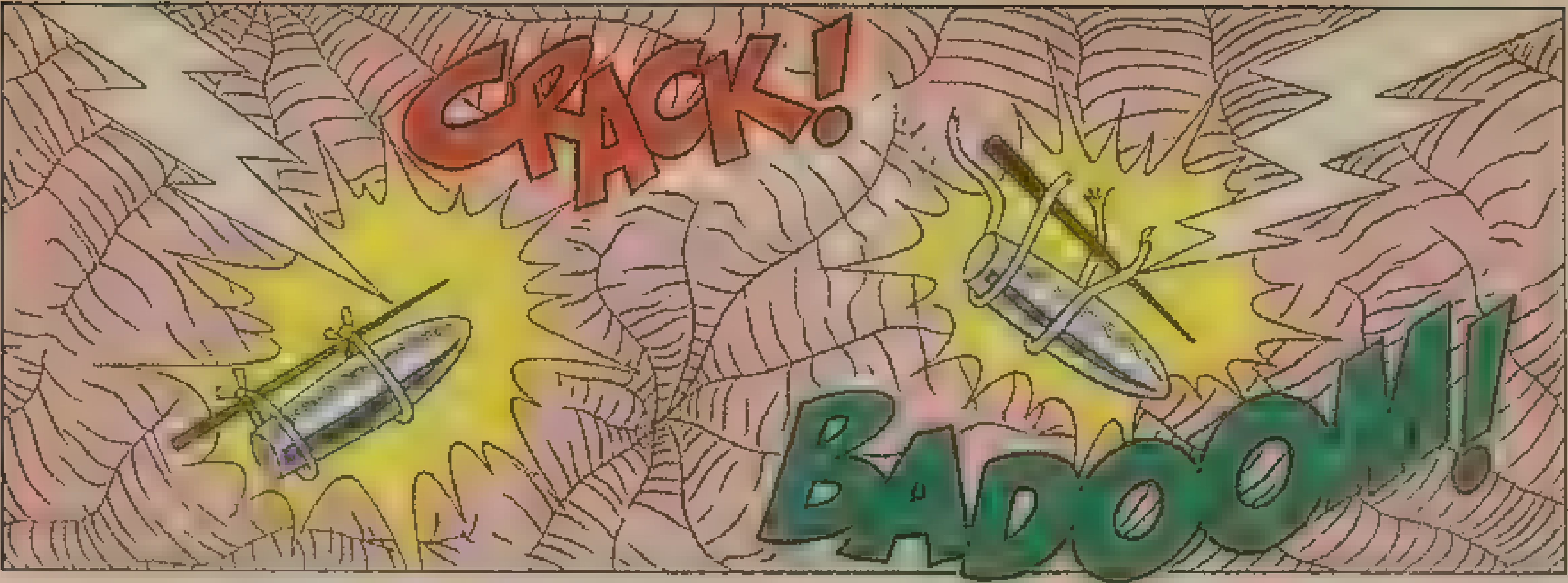
CRACK!

POW!

POW!

CRACKLE!

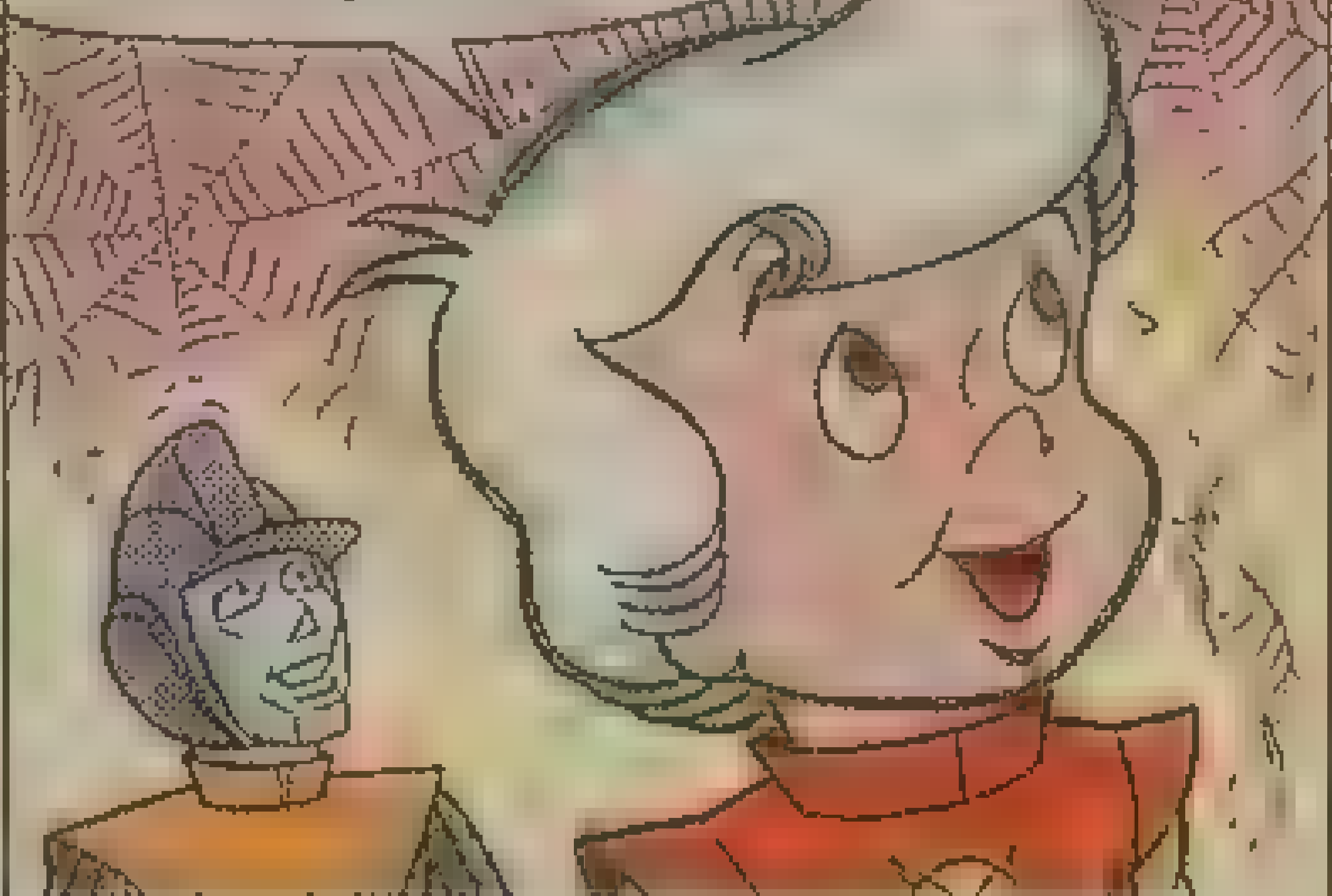
BOOM!



THE LIGHTNING IS *NOT* REACHING OUR PLANET!
IT'S HITTING THE TARANTALUG WEB!



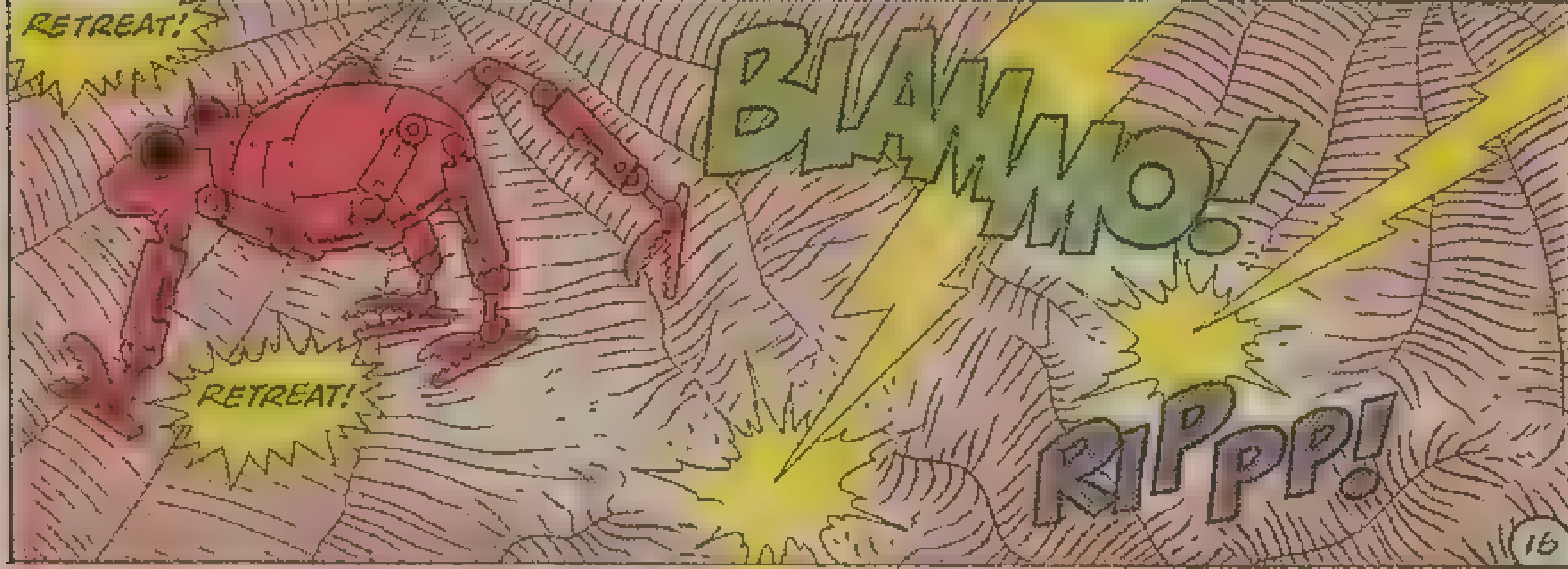
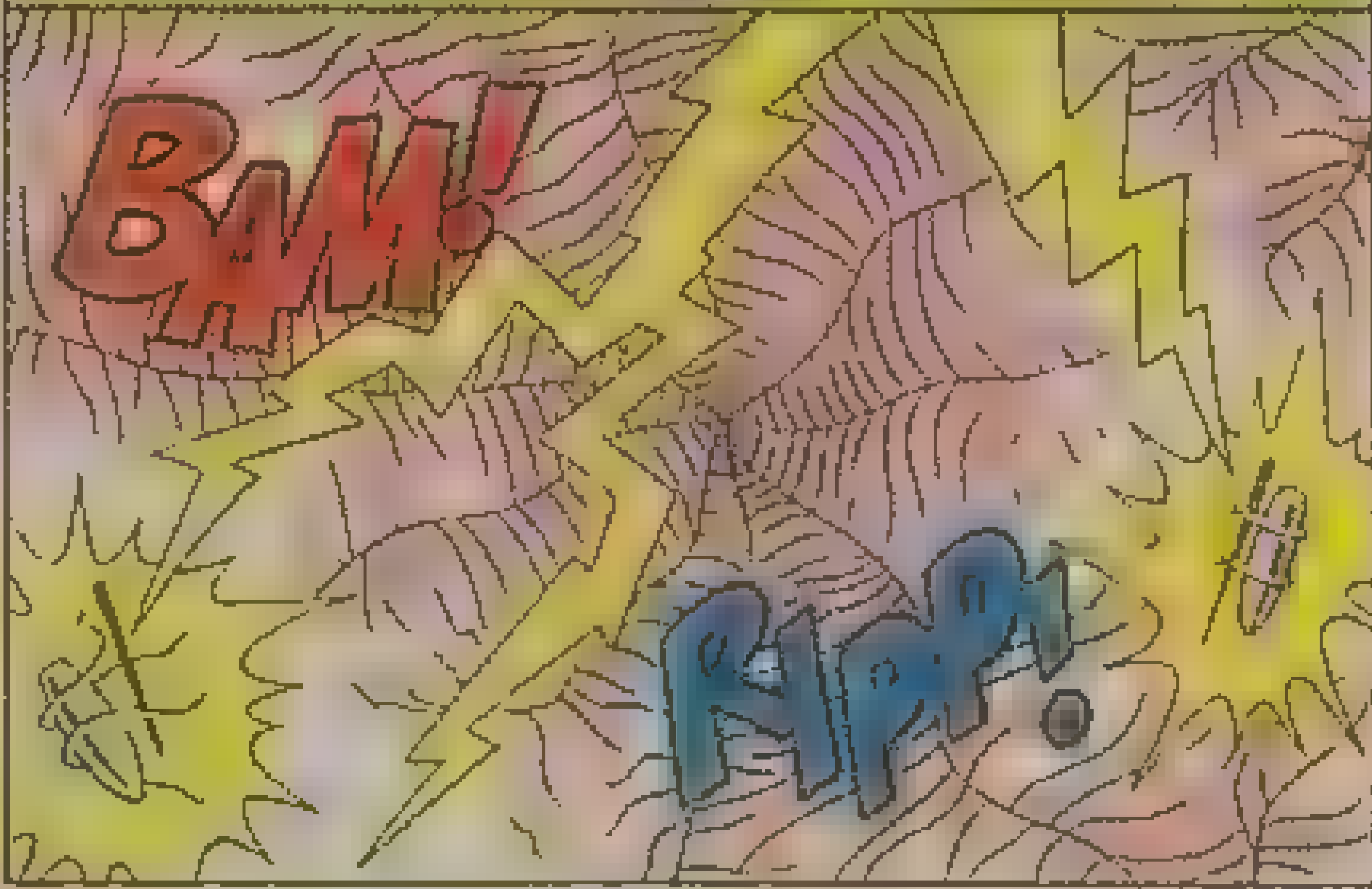
THE LIGHTNING IS BEING
ATTRACTED TO THE
LIGHTNING RODS!...

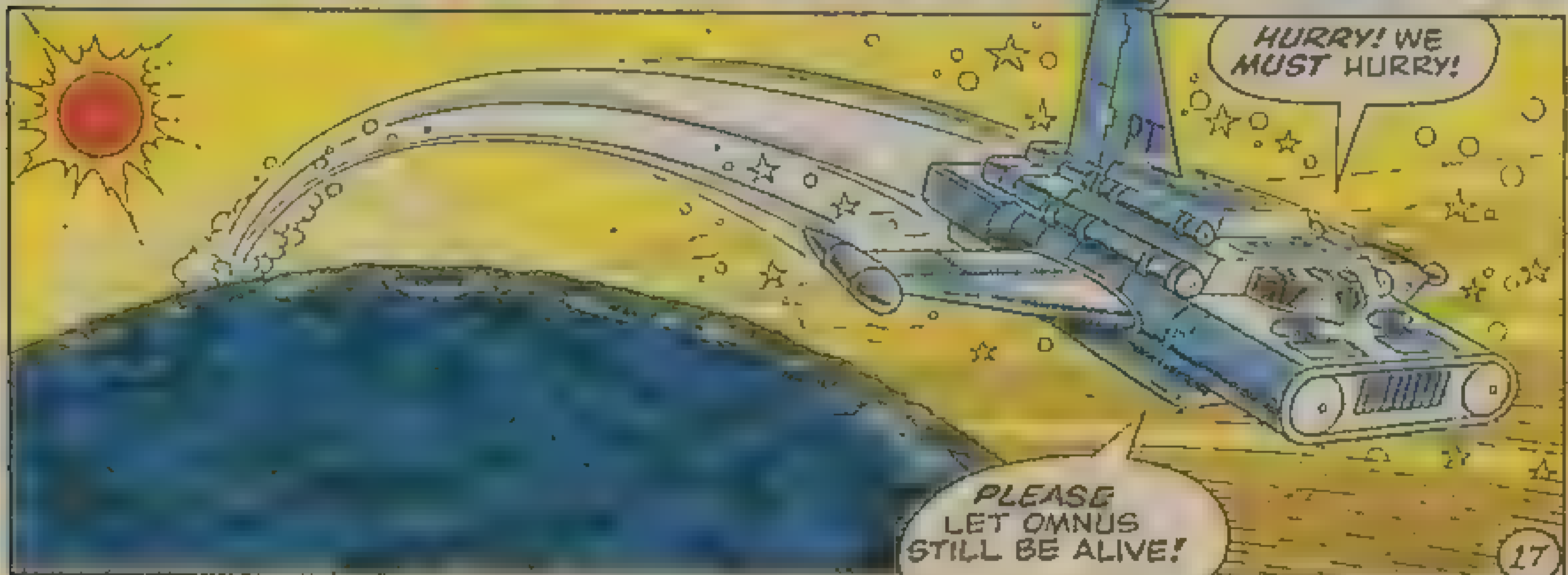
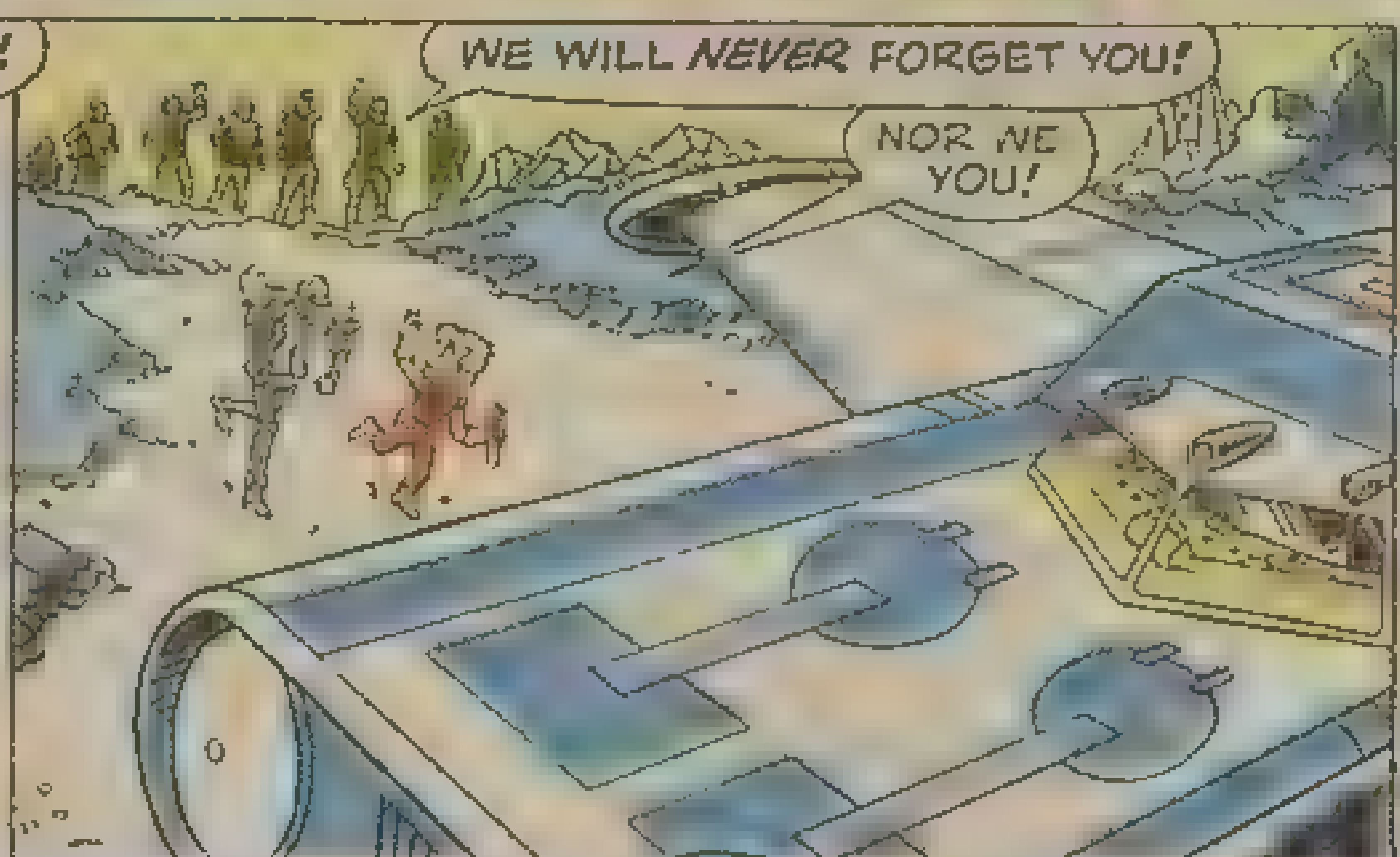
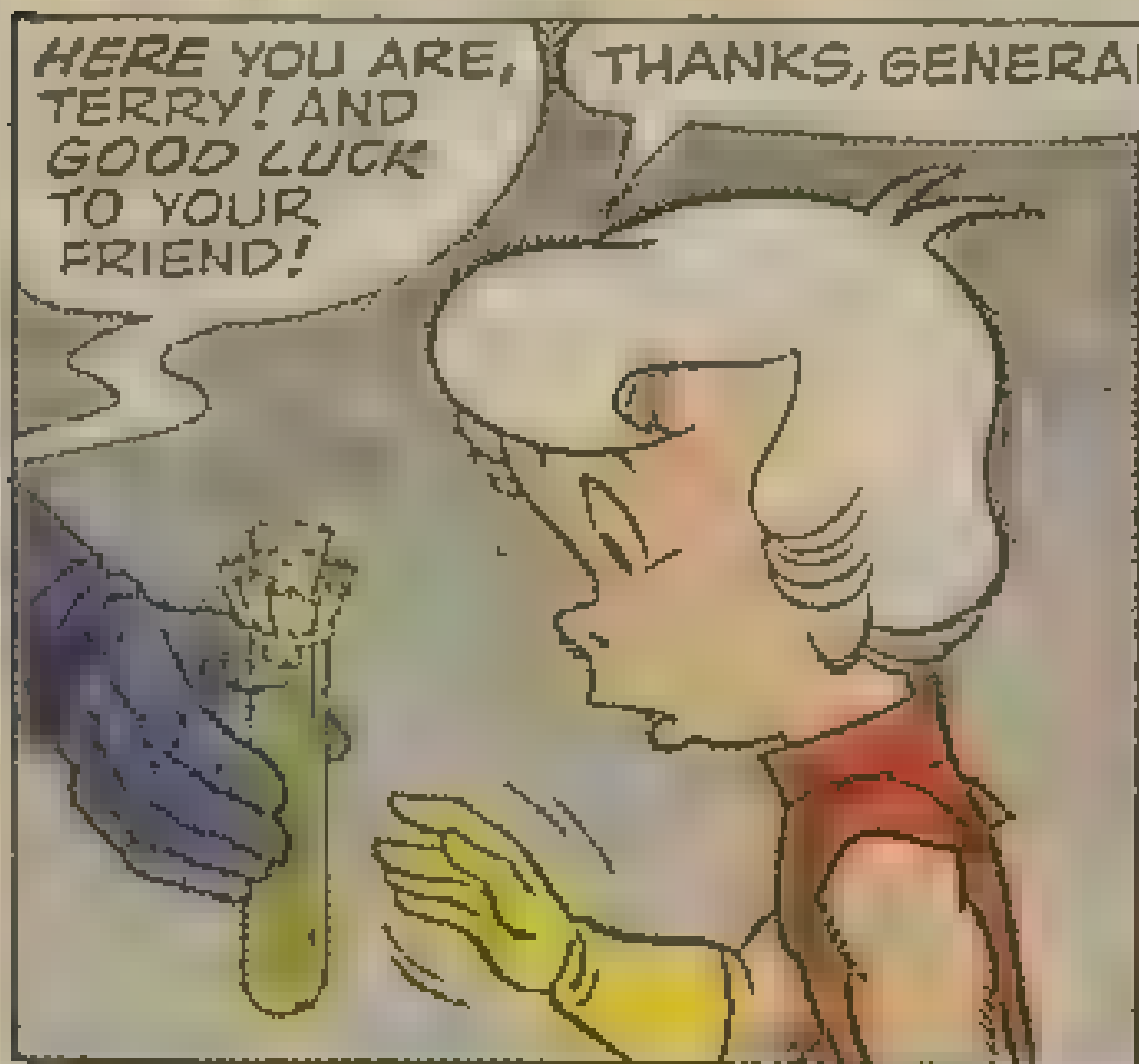
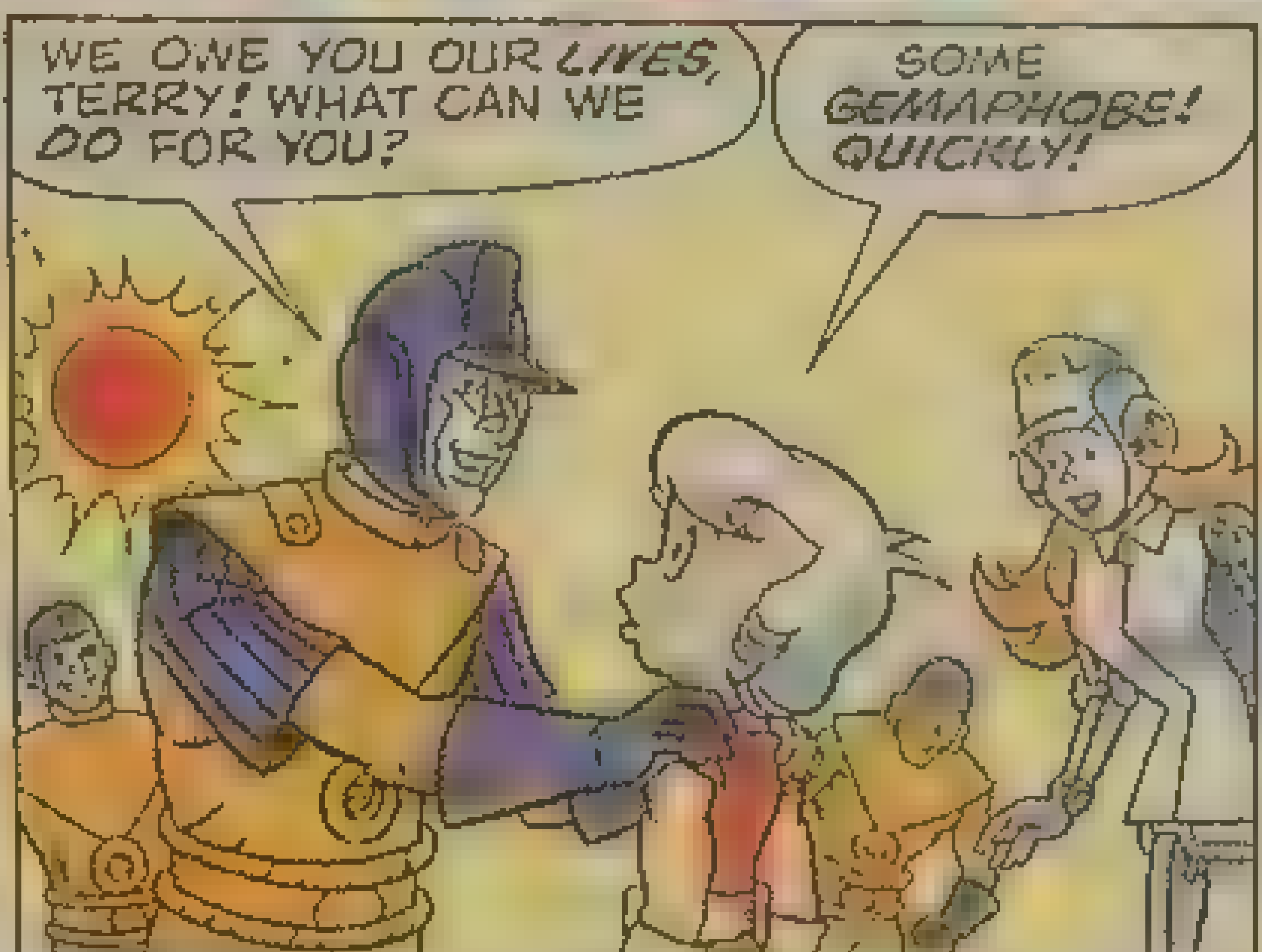
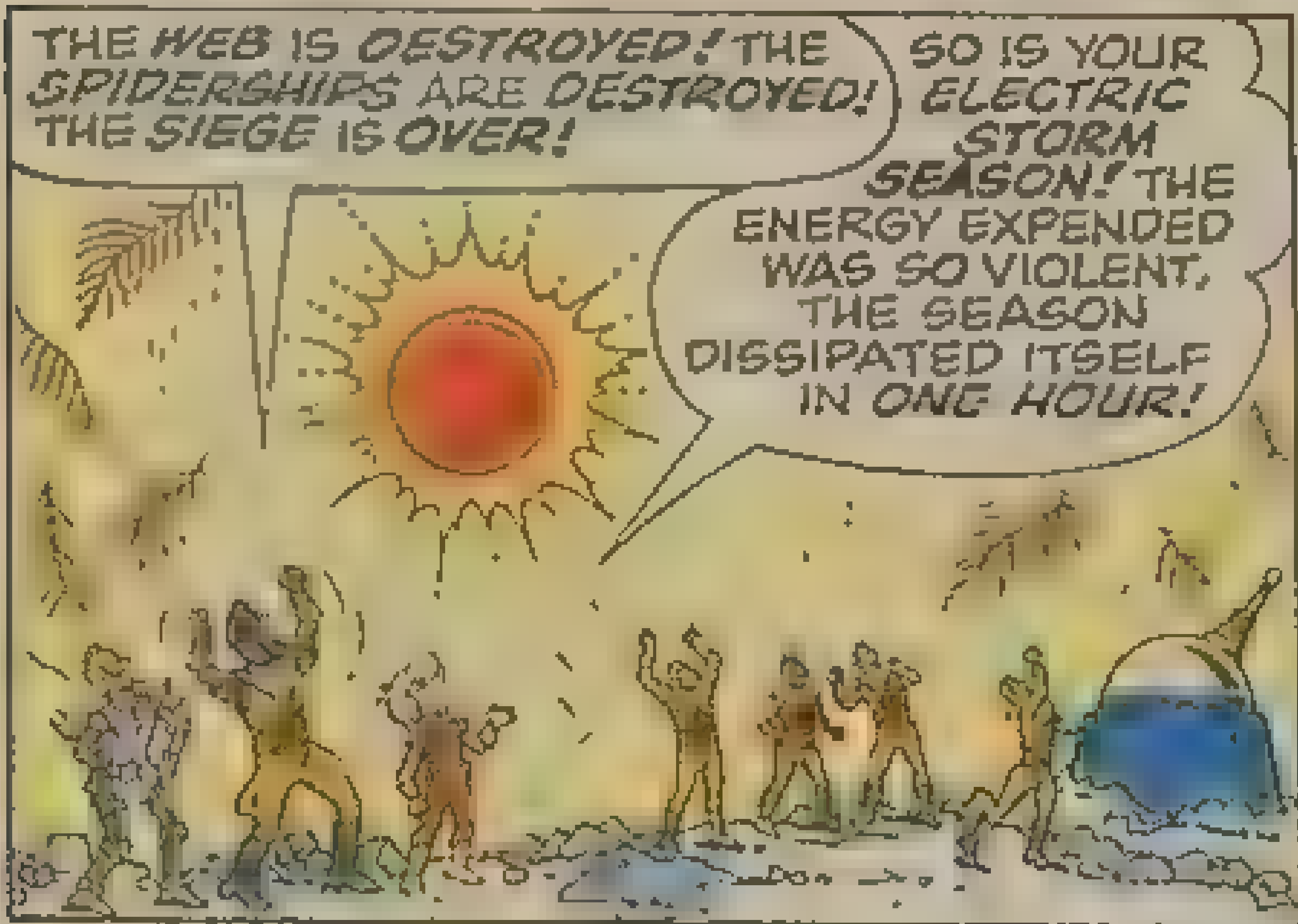
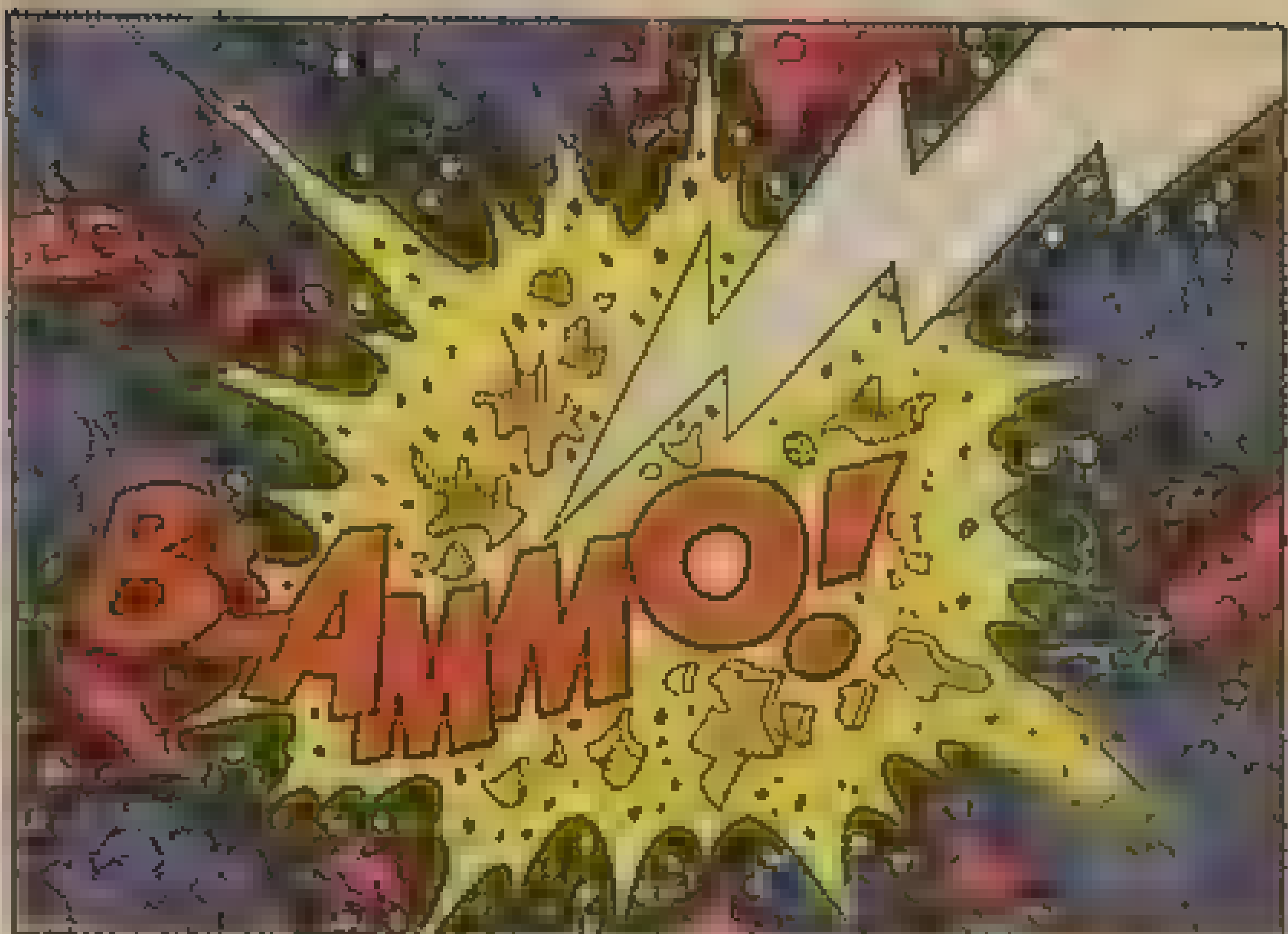
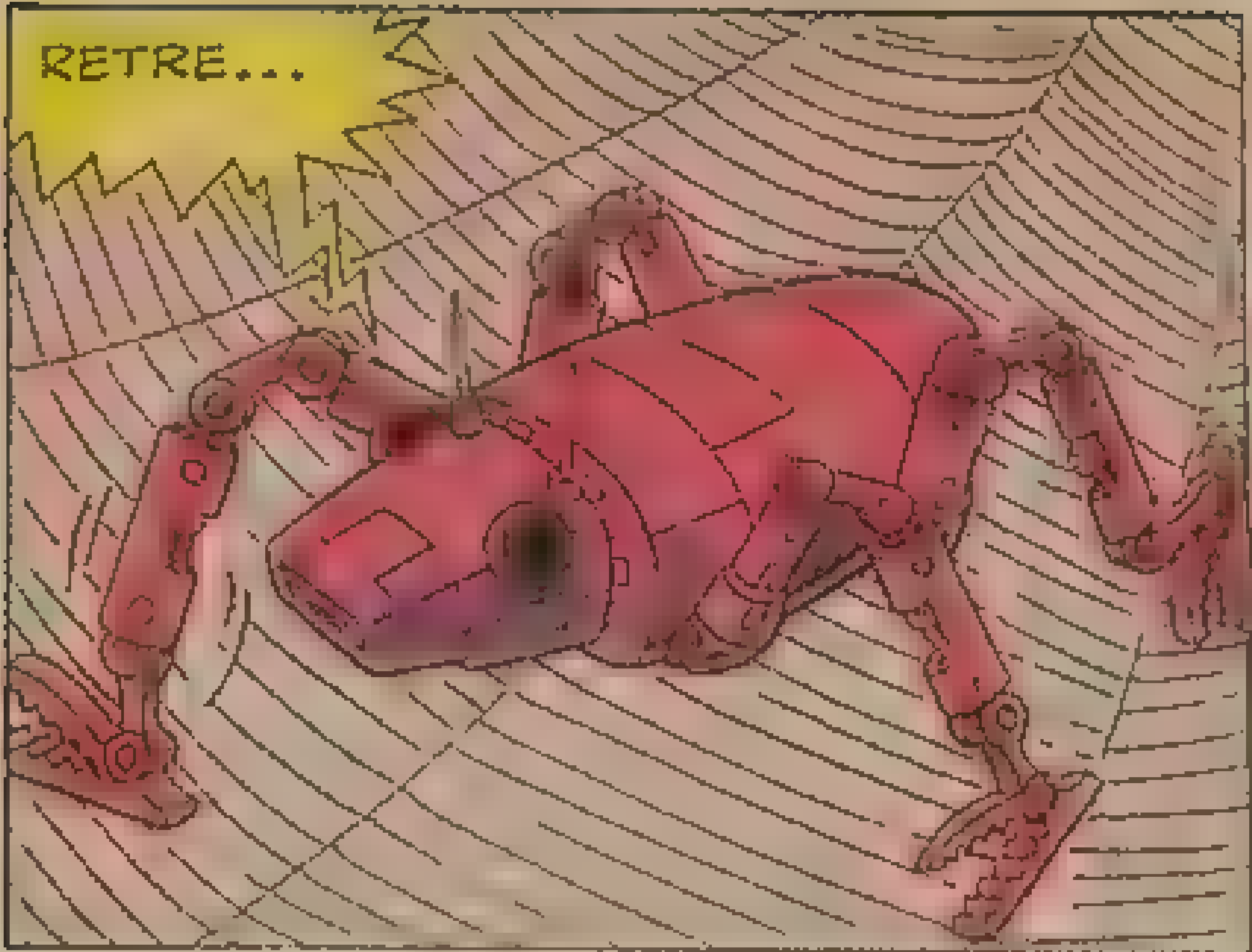


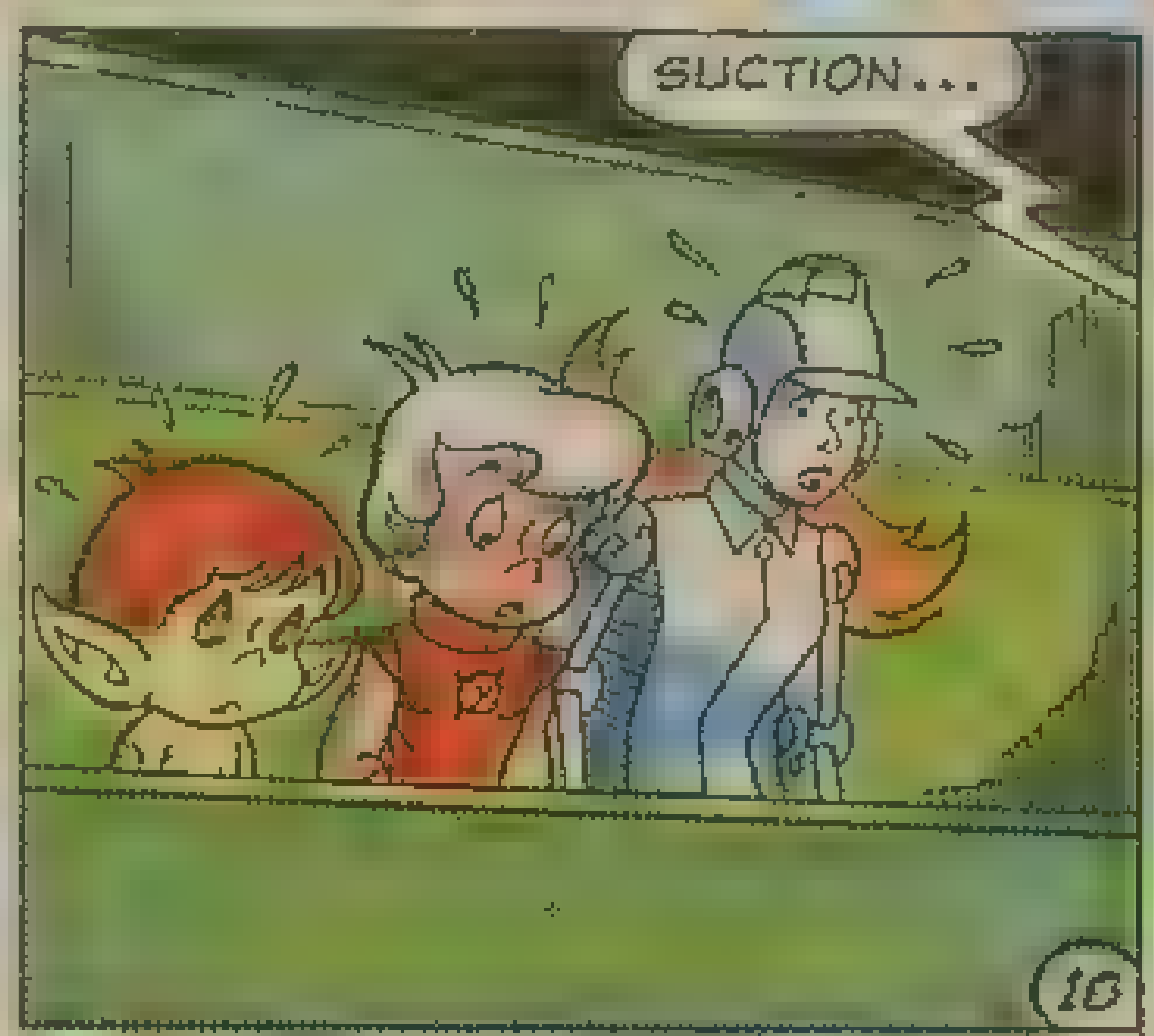
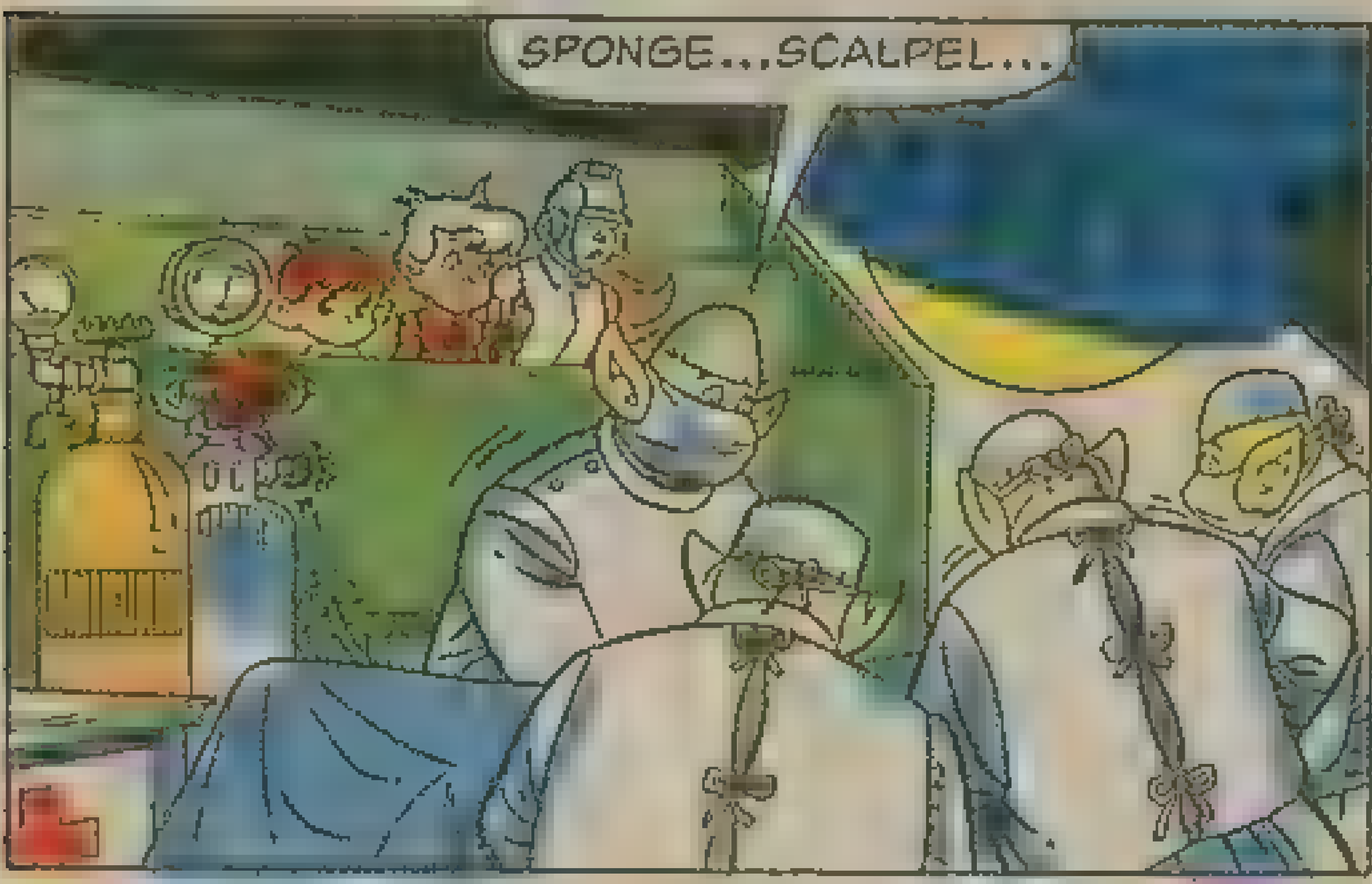
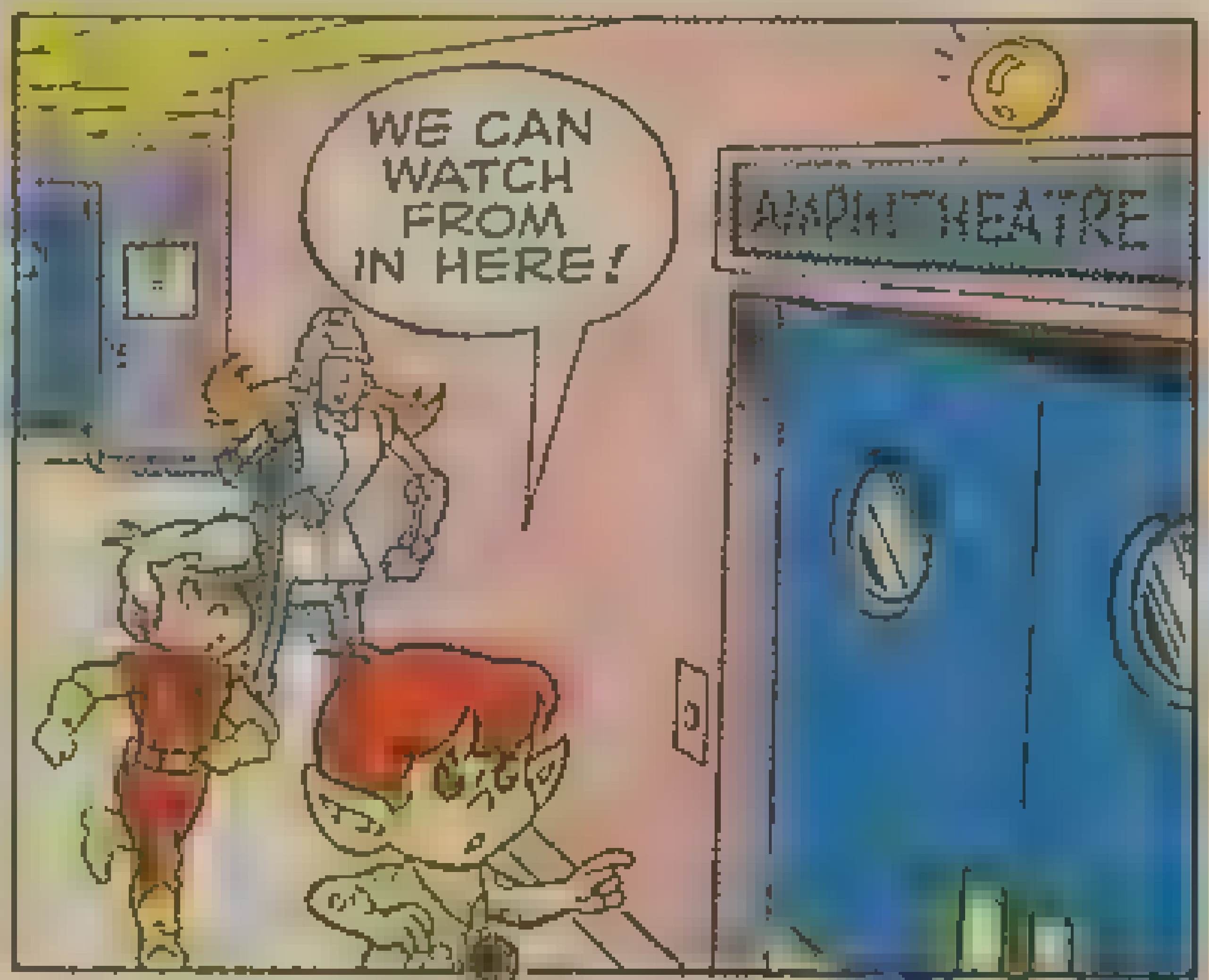
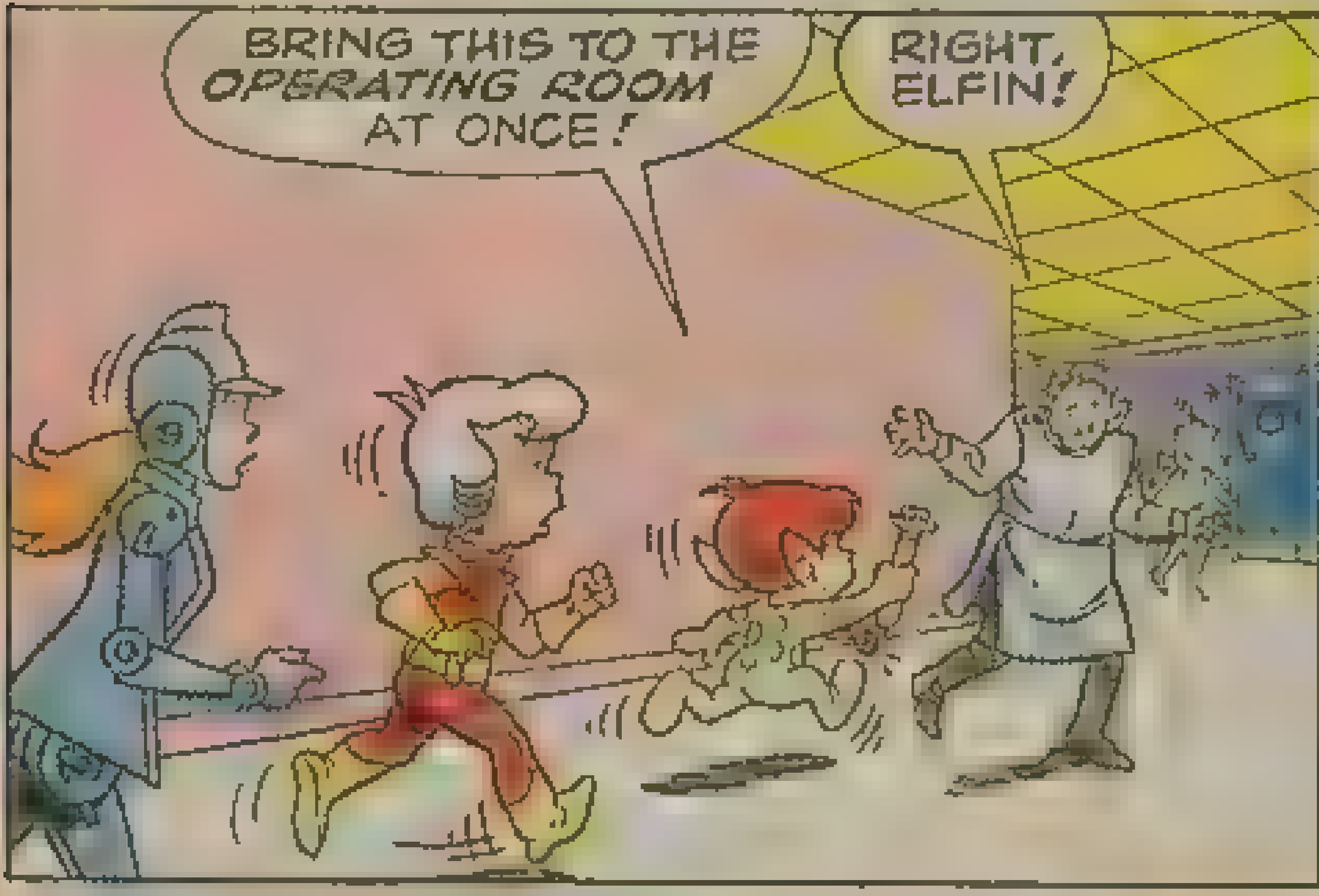
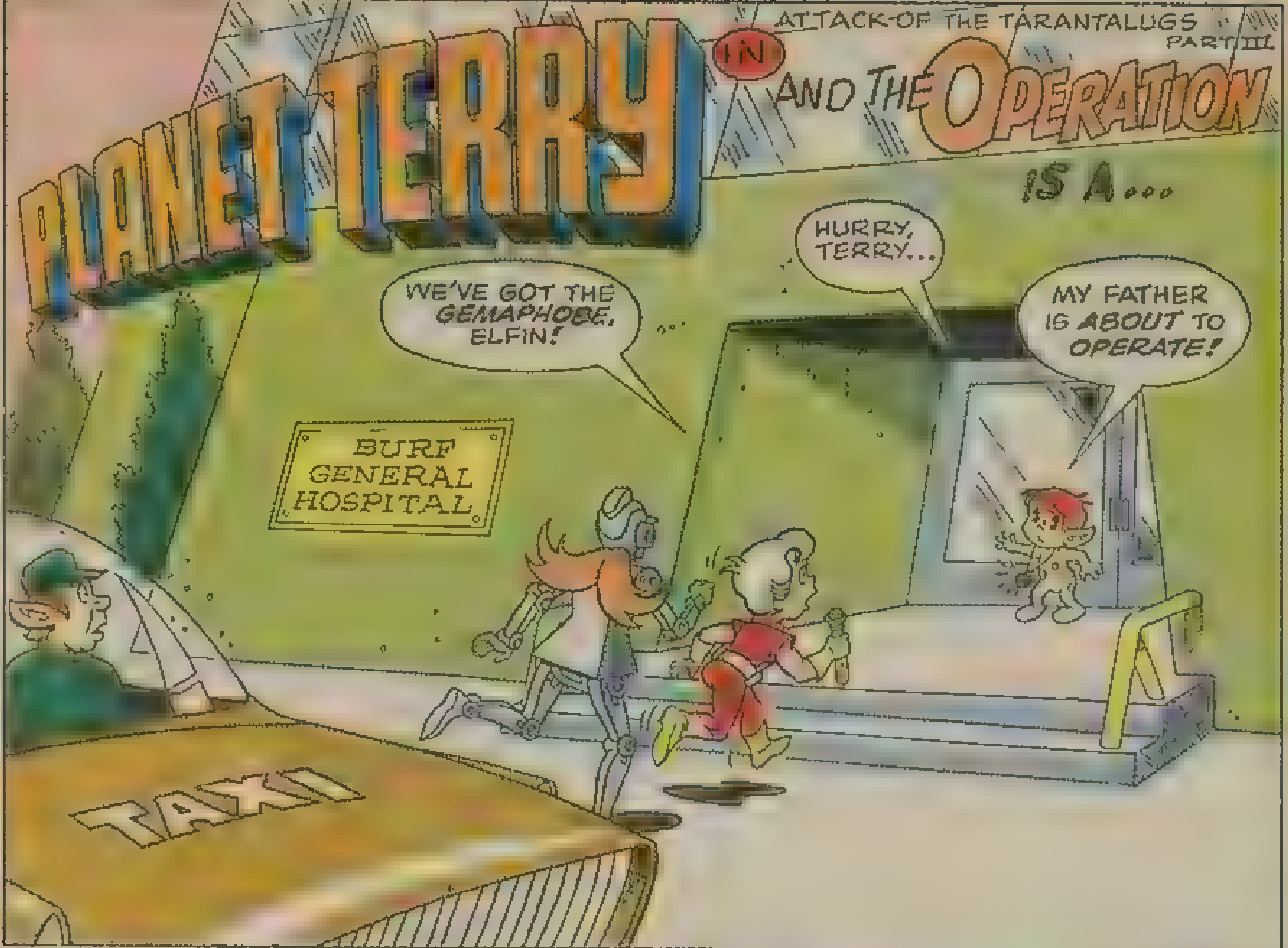
...WHICH ARE ATTACHED TO THE ARTILLERY
SHELLS WE FIRED.

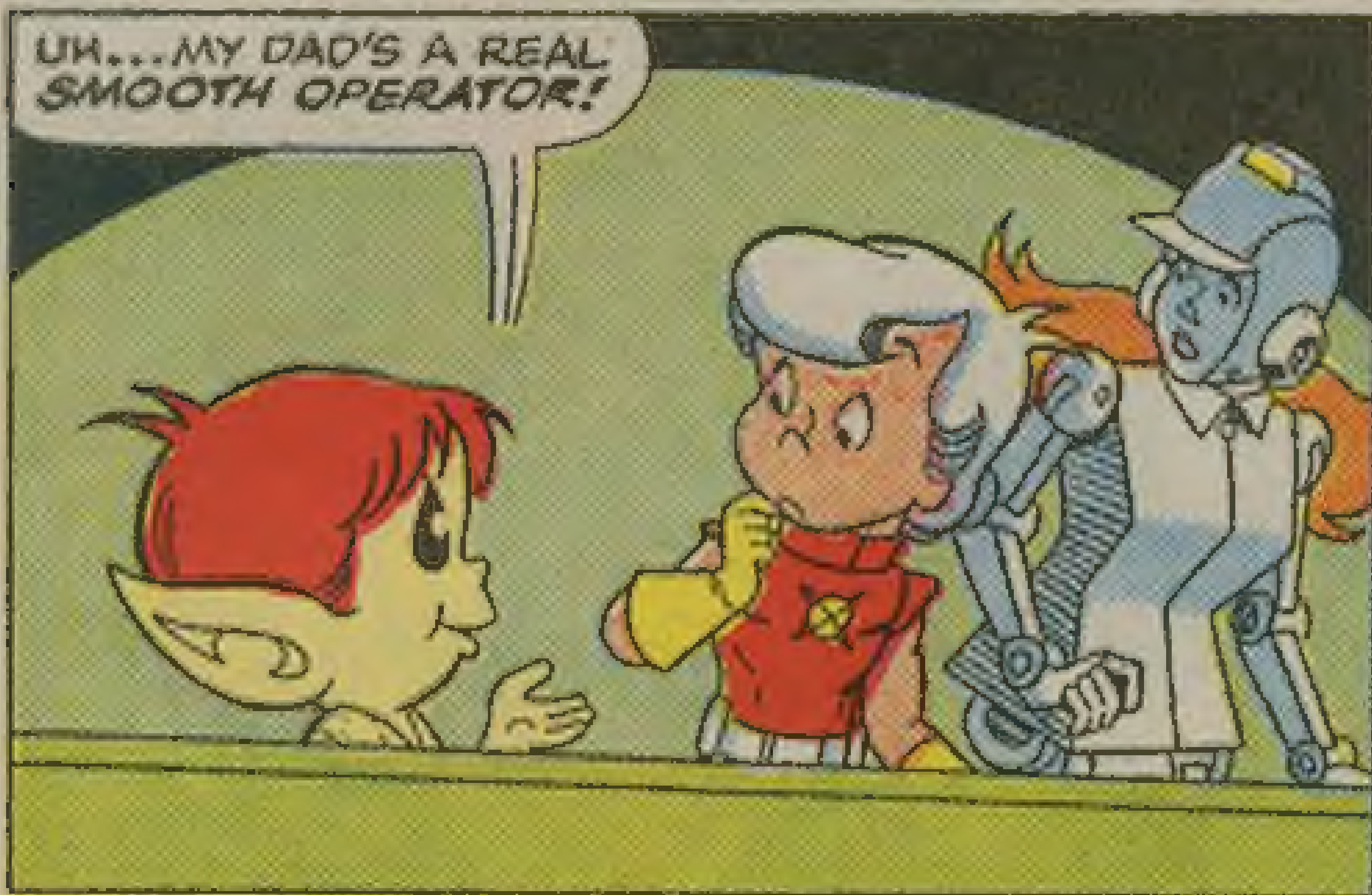
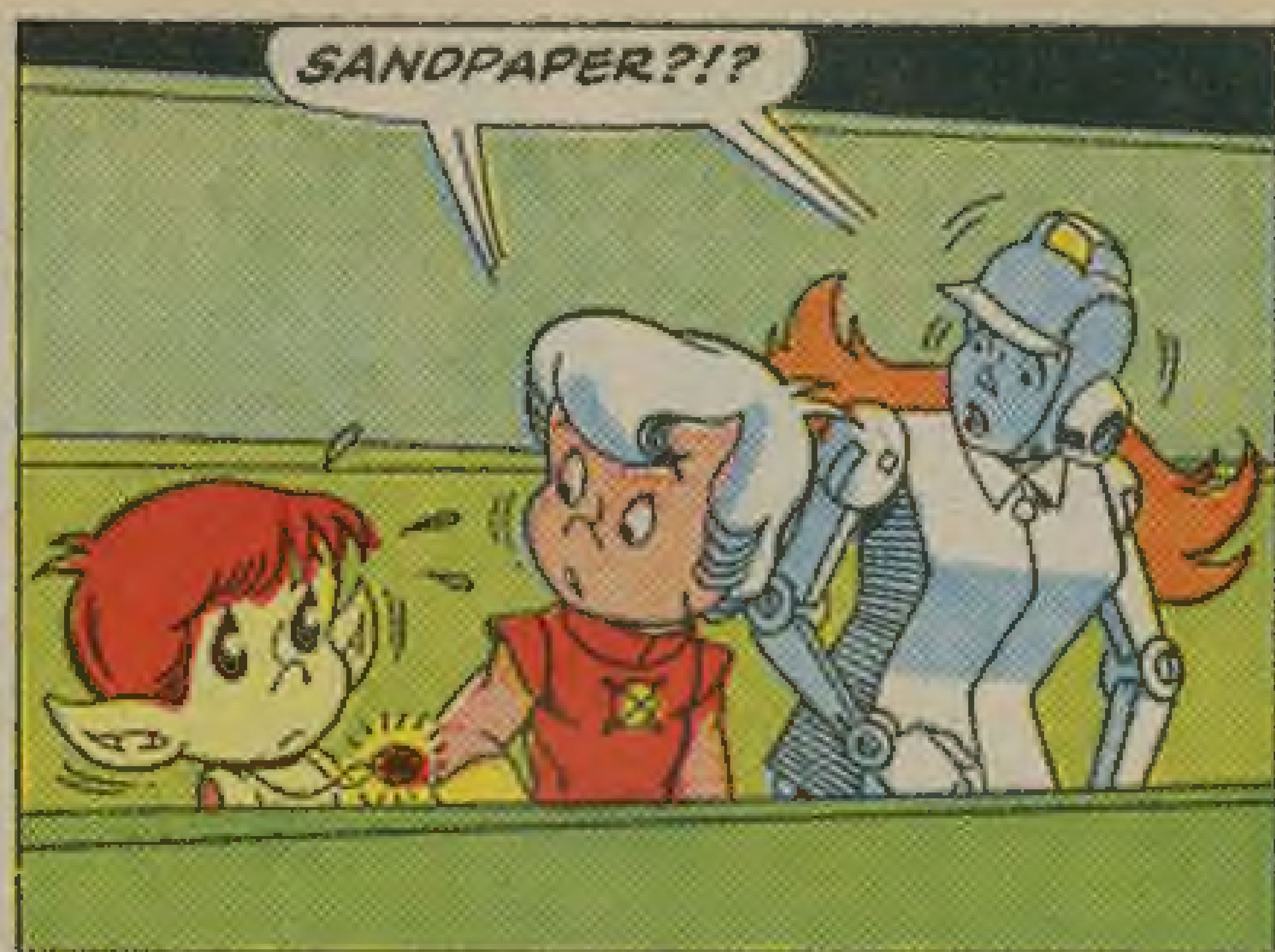


...WHICH ARE STUCK IN THE TARANTALUG
WEB...











WHO ARE YOU GUYS IN WHITE SUITS!?

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO TO ME!?

GRRR!



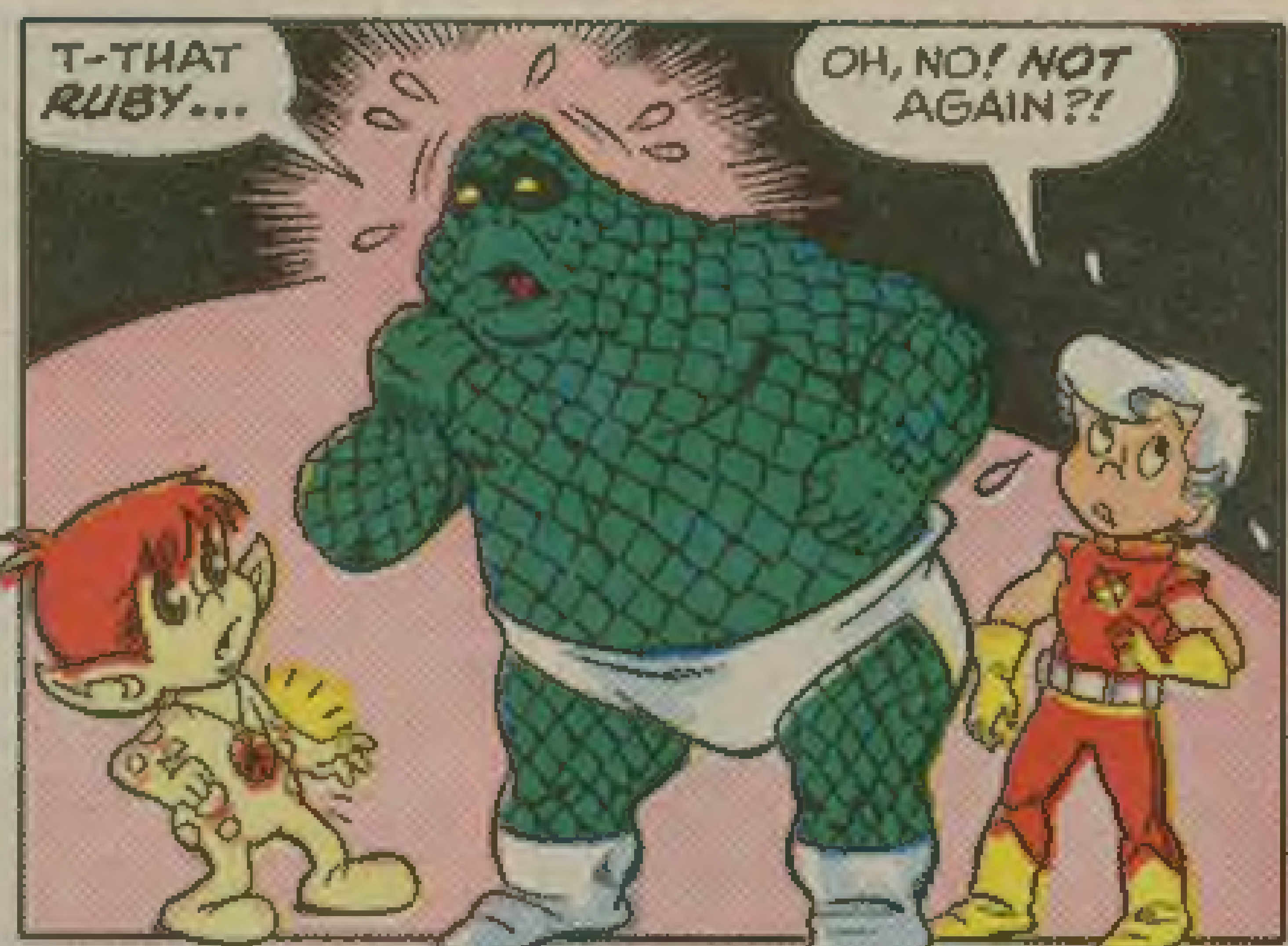
OMNUS! STOP! YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS! TERRY!

ROBOTA! WHAT'S GOING ON?



YOU WERE VERY SICK, BUT THANKS TO ELFIN'S FATHER, YOU'RE WELL AGAIN!

ELFIN! I REMEMBER YOU!



T-THAT RUBY...

OH, NO! NOT AGAIN?!



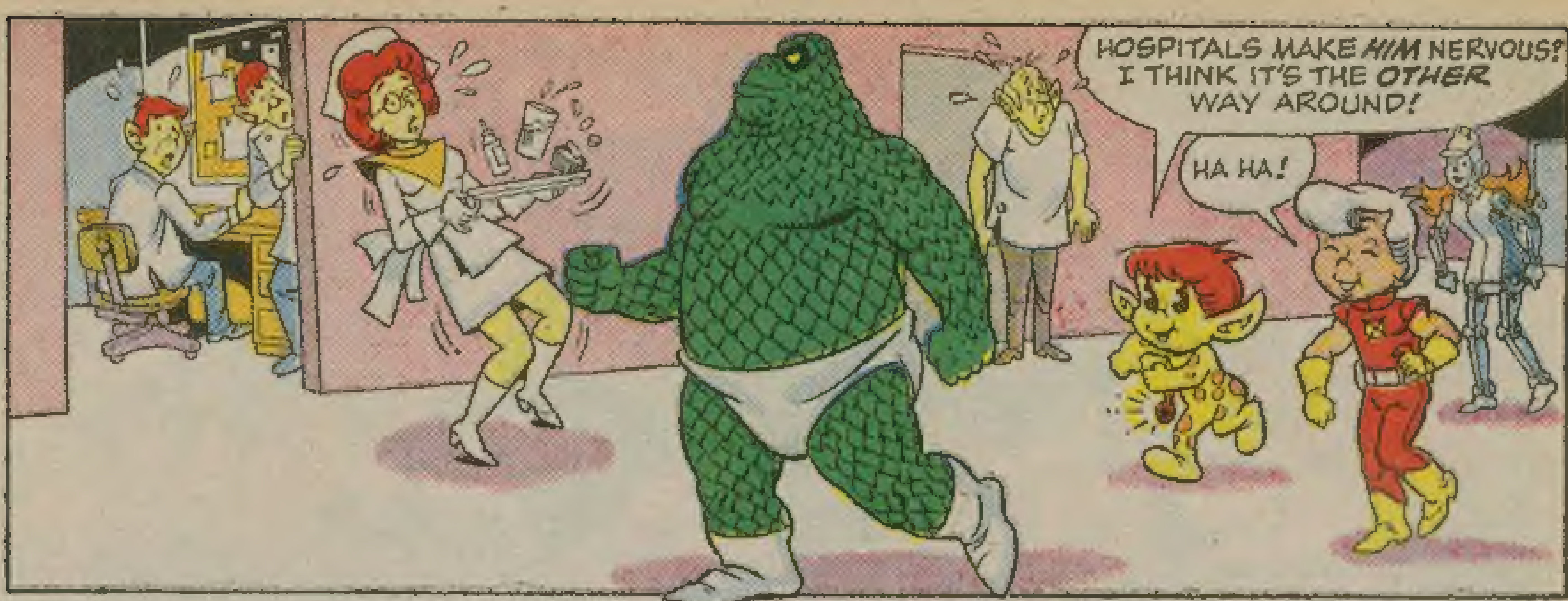
IT'S A REAL BEAUT, KID! CONGRATS ON BEATING THE RUBY MONSTER OUT OF IT!

WHEW!

GEMS WILL NEVER AFFECT HIM ADVERSELY AGAIN!



NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! HOSPITALS MAKE ME NERVOUS!



HOSPITALS MAKE HIM NERVOUS?
I THINK IT'S THE OTHER
WAY AROUND!

HA HA!



WELL, OMNUS
IS FINE AGAIN!
EVERYTHING
WORKED OUT
FINE, TERRY!

YEAH, SURE, ELFIN..
EVERYTHING!



...EXCEPT I THOUGHT
I HAD FOUND MY PARENTS
BACK ON PLANETOID 17Z...
AND THEY TURNED OUT TO
BE IMPOSTERS! NOW THE
TRAIL IS COLD AGAIN!

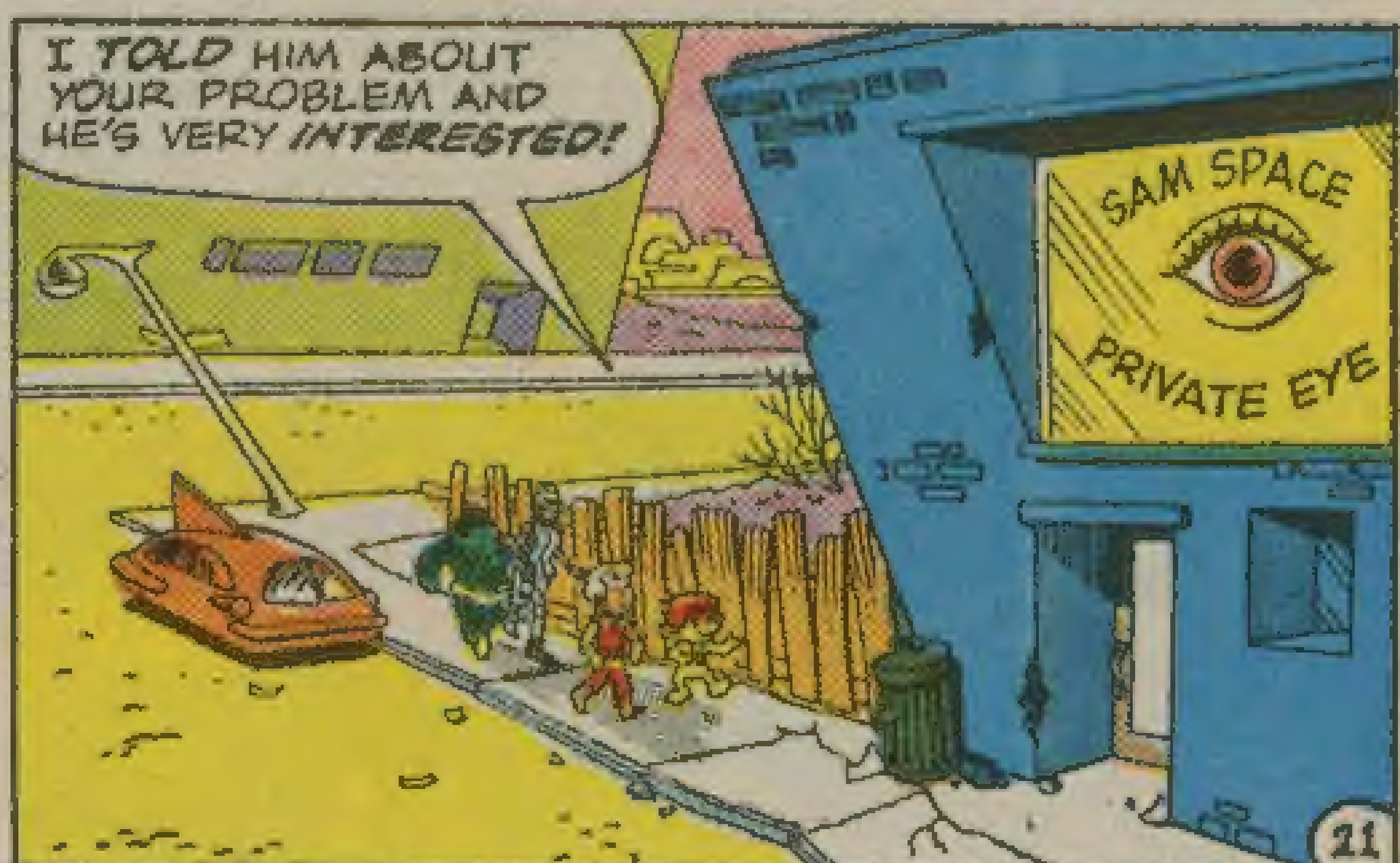


I GUESS IT'S BACK INTO
SPACE TO RESUME MY
SEARCH...SOMEHOW!

WAIT A MINUTE! MY UNCLE
MAY BE ABLE TO HELP,
TERRY! HE'S THE MOST
FAMOUS PRIVATE DETECTIVE
ON BURF! WOULD YOU LIKE
TO MEET HIM?



WHY NOT! I CAN USE ALL THE
HELP I CAN GET!



I TOLD HIM ABOUT
YOUR PROBLEM AND
HE'S VERY INTERESTED!



COME IN!

